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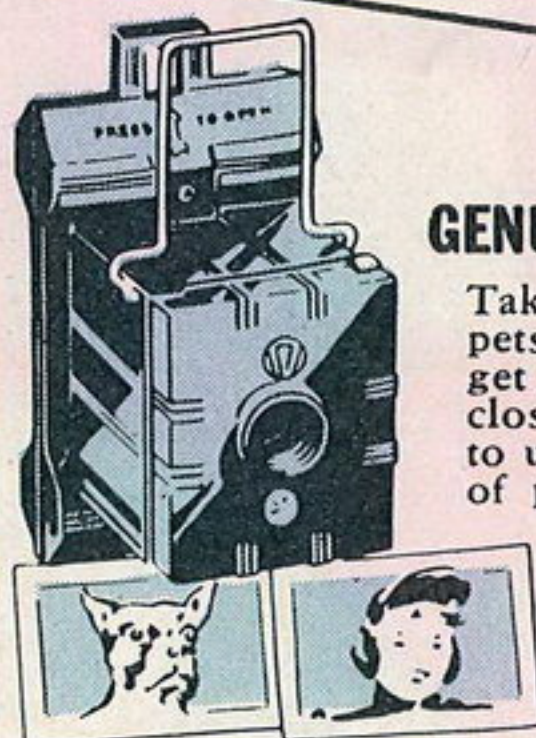
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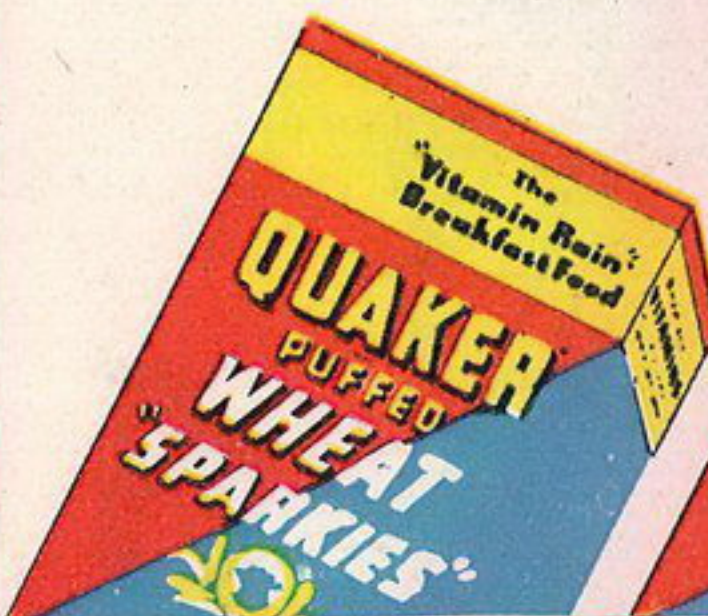
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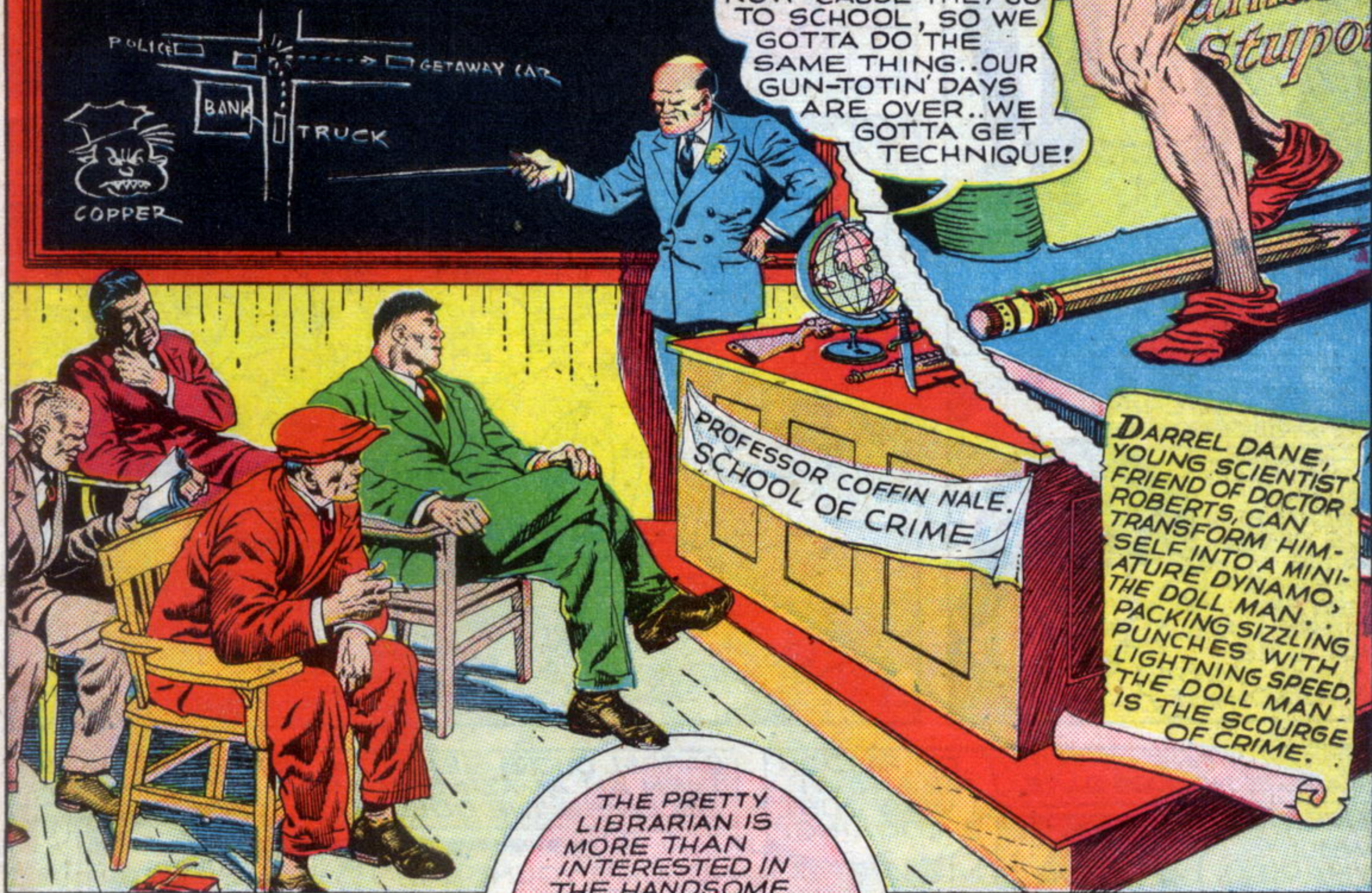
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# The DOLL MAN

By William Erwin Maxwell



DARREL DANE, YOUNG SCIENTIST FRIEND OF DOCTOR ROBERTS, CAN TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO A MINIATURE DYNAMO, THE DOLL MAN, PACKING SIZZLING PUNCHES WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, THE DOLL MAN IS THE SCOURGE OF CRIME.

THE PRETTY LIBRARIAN IS MORE THAN INTERESTED IN THE HANDSOME READER.

IT'S A QUIET DAY IN TOWN. DARREL DANE SITS IN THE LIBRARY IN COMPANY WITH THE LATEST BOOKS.



I MUST SAY HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A BOOKWORM THOUGH.. HE'S TOO ATHLETIC LOOKING.





SUDDENLY THE STILLNESS OF THE READING ROOM IS SHATTERED.



HOWDY, HONEY... SAY, DIS IS SOME JOINT TO PARK A SLICK FILLY LIKE YOU?

FROM HIS TABLE, DARREL WATCHES THE PROCEEDINGS.



HM..MIGHTY FUNNY PEOPLE ARE DEVELOPING LITERARY TASTES THESE DAYS.. I'LL SEE WHAT THEY'RE READING?



GOT ANY GOOD BOOKS, SUGAR?

IF YOU CAN READ, WE HAVE!



C'MON, BABE! DIG US UP THE BOOKS WE'RE S'POSED TO READ AN' GET IT OVER WIT'!



GOLLY! SAY? WHAT'S DIS WORD MEAN?

THESE GUYS ARE READING FOR A PURPOSE AND IT'S NOT A GOOD ONE EITHER!

SHUT UP! I'M CON-CENTRATIN'!

SUDDENLY ONE OF THE READERS NOTICES DANE.

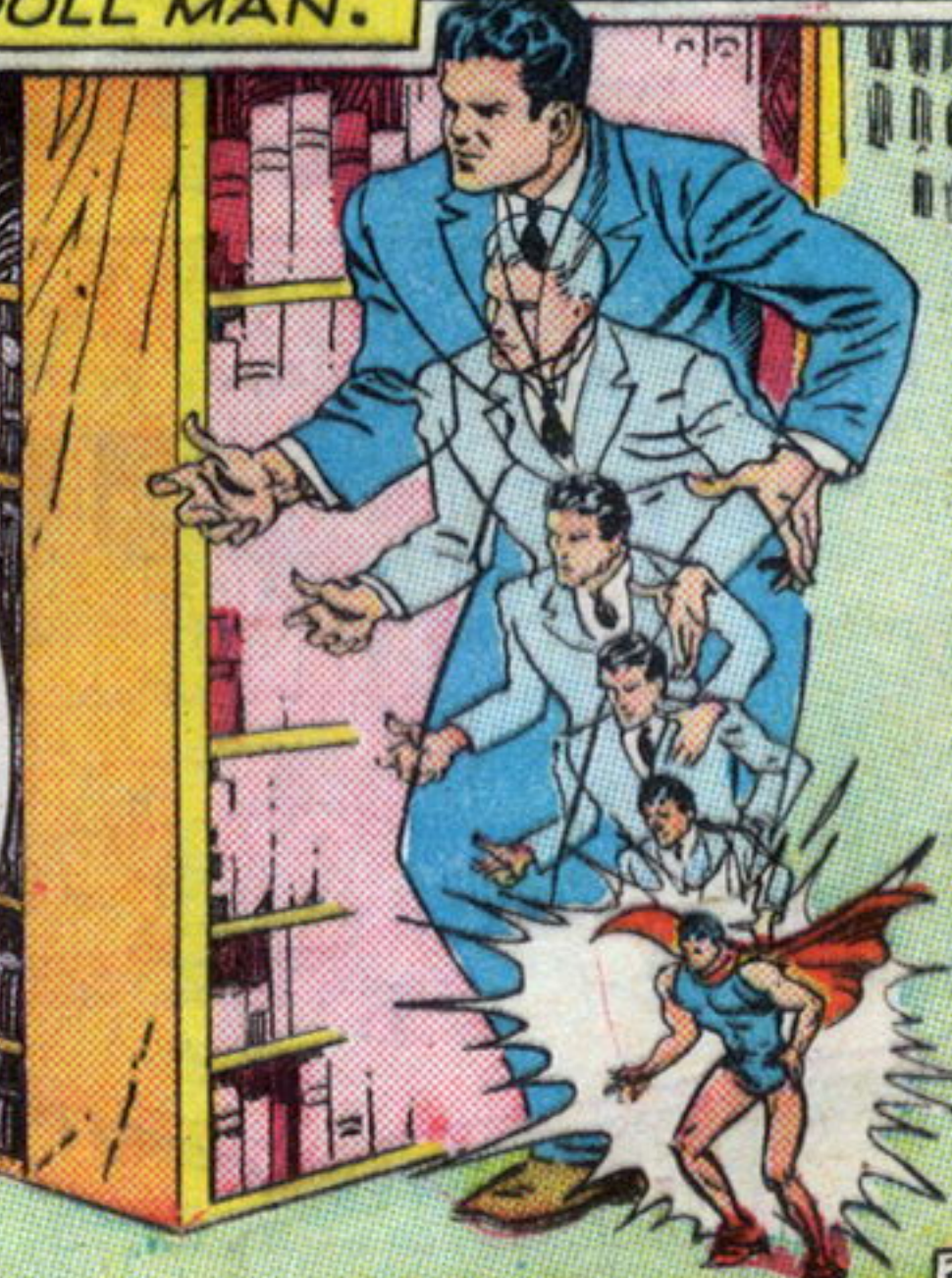
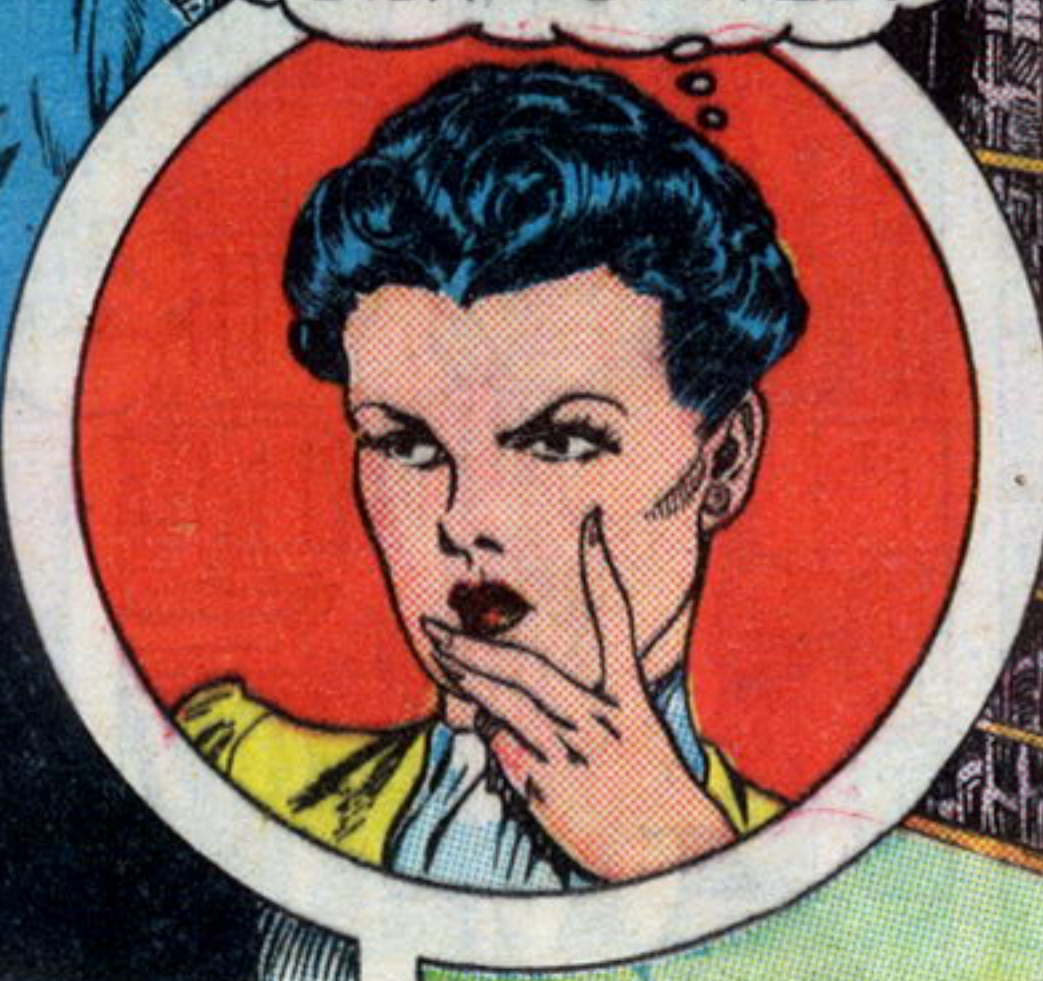


WELL? WHADDYA WANT?!

OH! PARDON ME, SIR... I WAS JUST LOOKING.

DARREL DUCKS BEHIND A BOOKCASE AND THEN AN AMAZING CHANGE OCCURS.. HE BECOMES THE DOLL MAN.

WHY THAT HANDSOME YOUNG MAN IS JUST A MILQUETOAST.. I'M DISAPPOINTED!

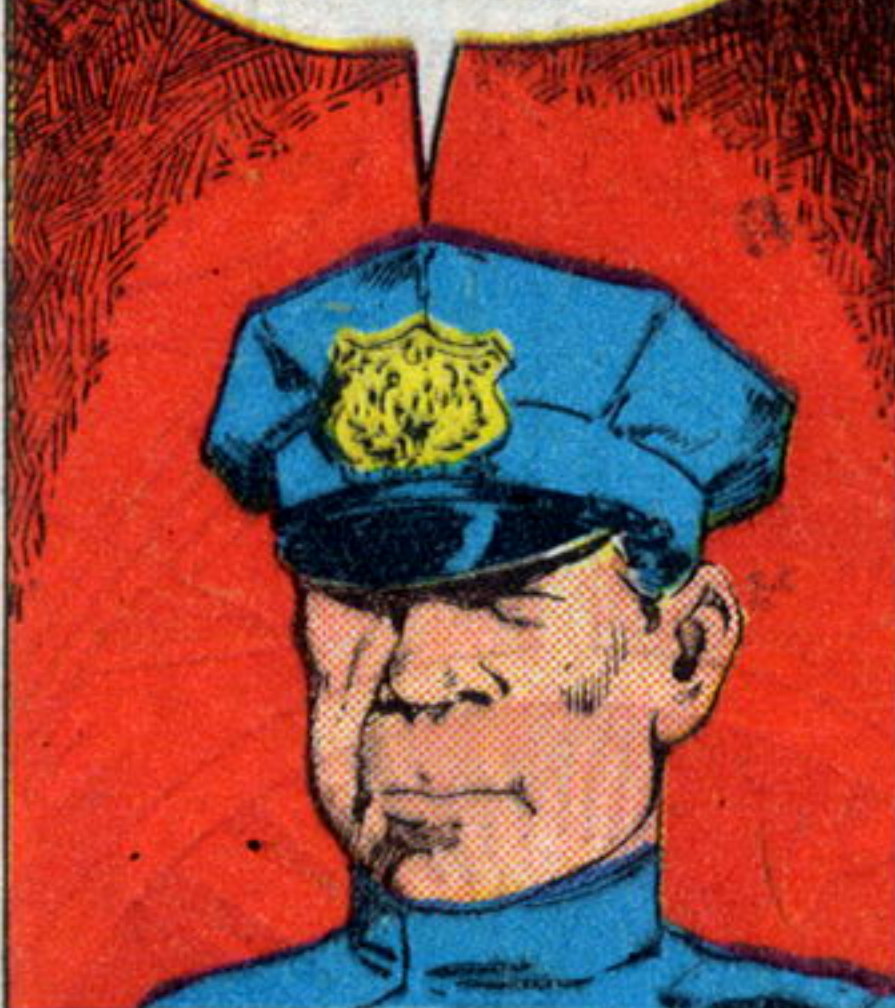




ONCE AGAIN, THE LIBRARY DOOR OPENS.



SURE AN' YE BETTER COME WIT' US PEACEFUL LIKE... THE BOYS DOWN AT TH' STATION HOUSE ARE AFTER HAVIN' A TALK WIT' YE?



GUESS AGAIN, COPPER?



IMMEDIATELY ALL THE HOODLUMS PILE ON THE POLICE... THE LIBRARY ECHOES WITH FALLING BOOKS AND THUDDING BODIES.



THE DOLL MAN FIGHTS FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT ON THE BOOKCASE, USING BOOKS FOR WEAPONS.



WHO T'REW DAT?

STAND STILL SO, I CAN AIM?

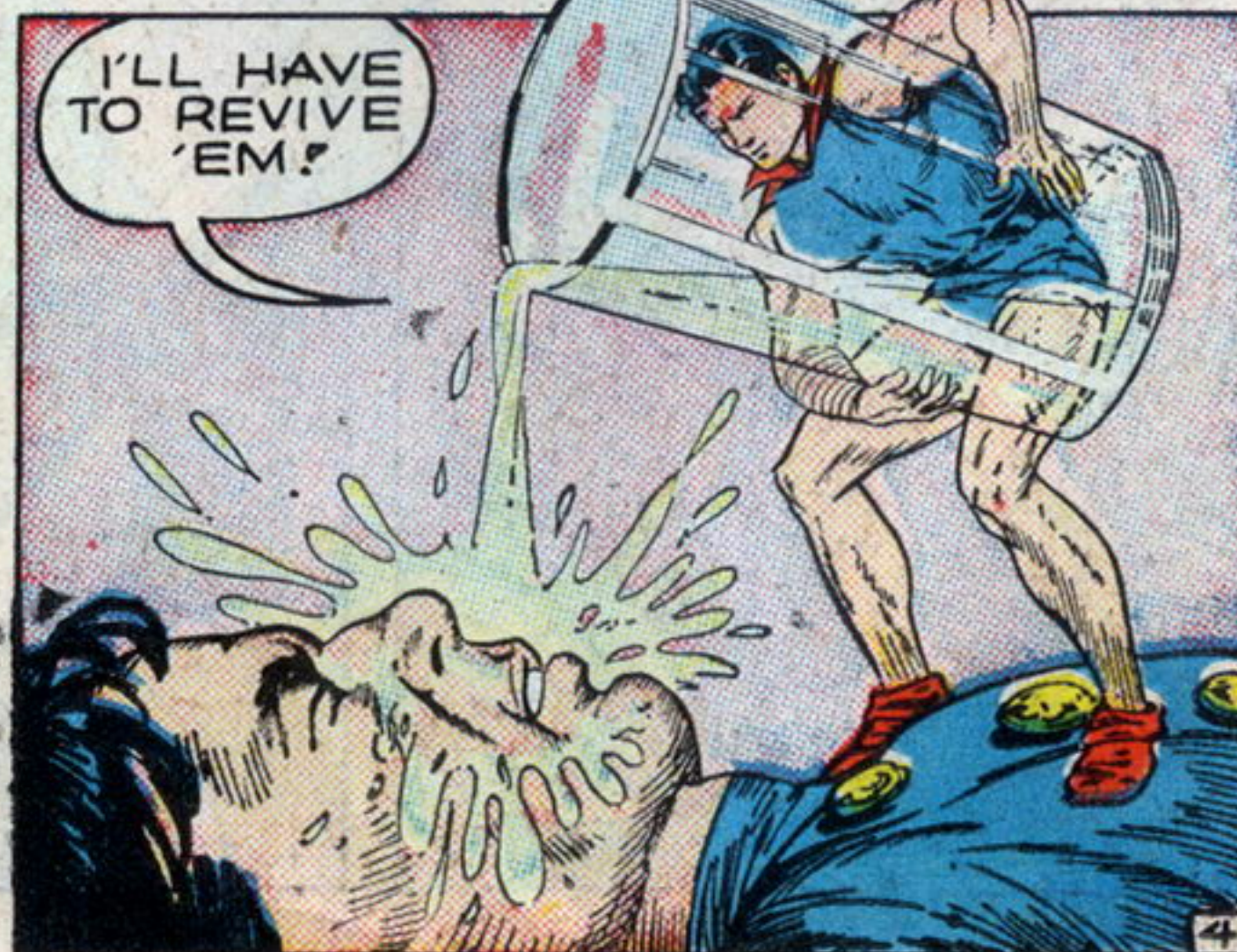
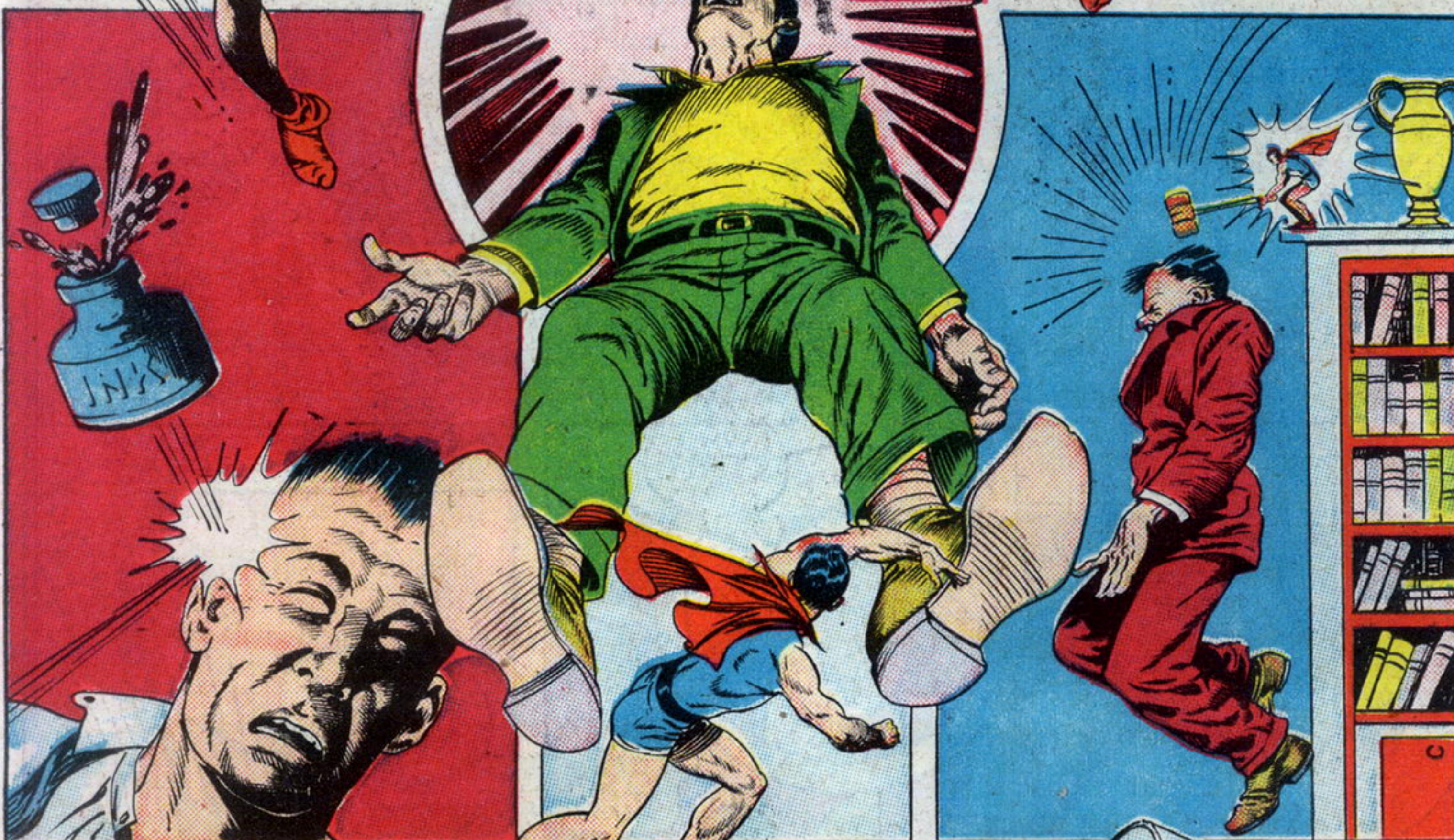
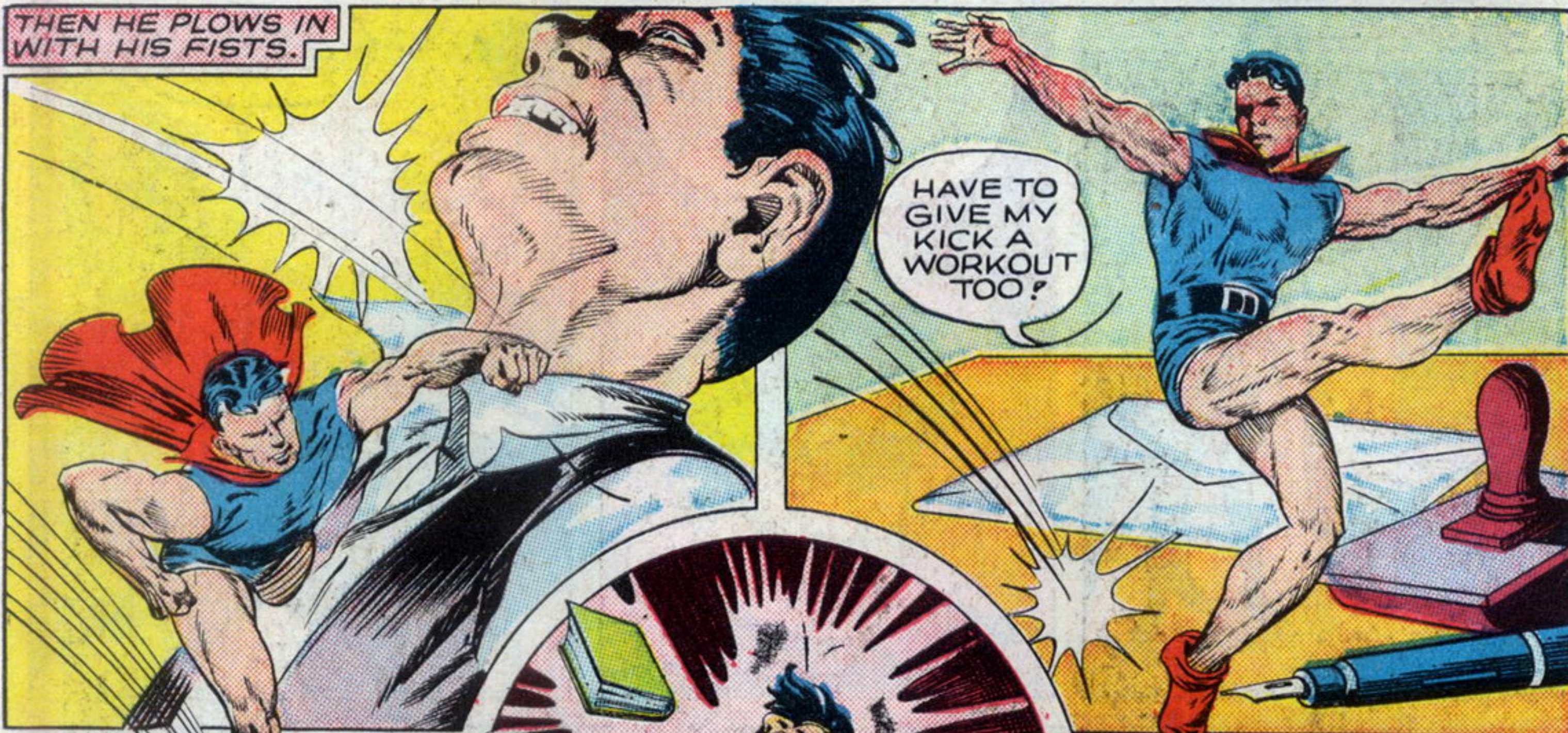


THE DOLL MAN SENDS A PEN FLYING LIKE AN ARROW.

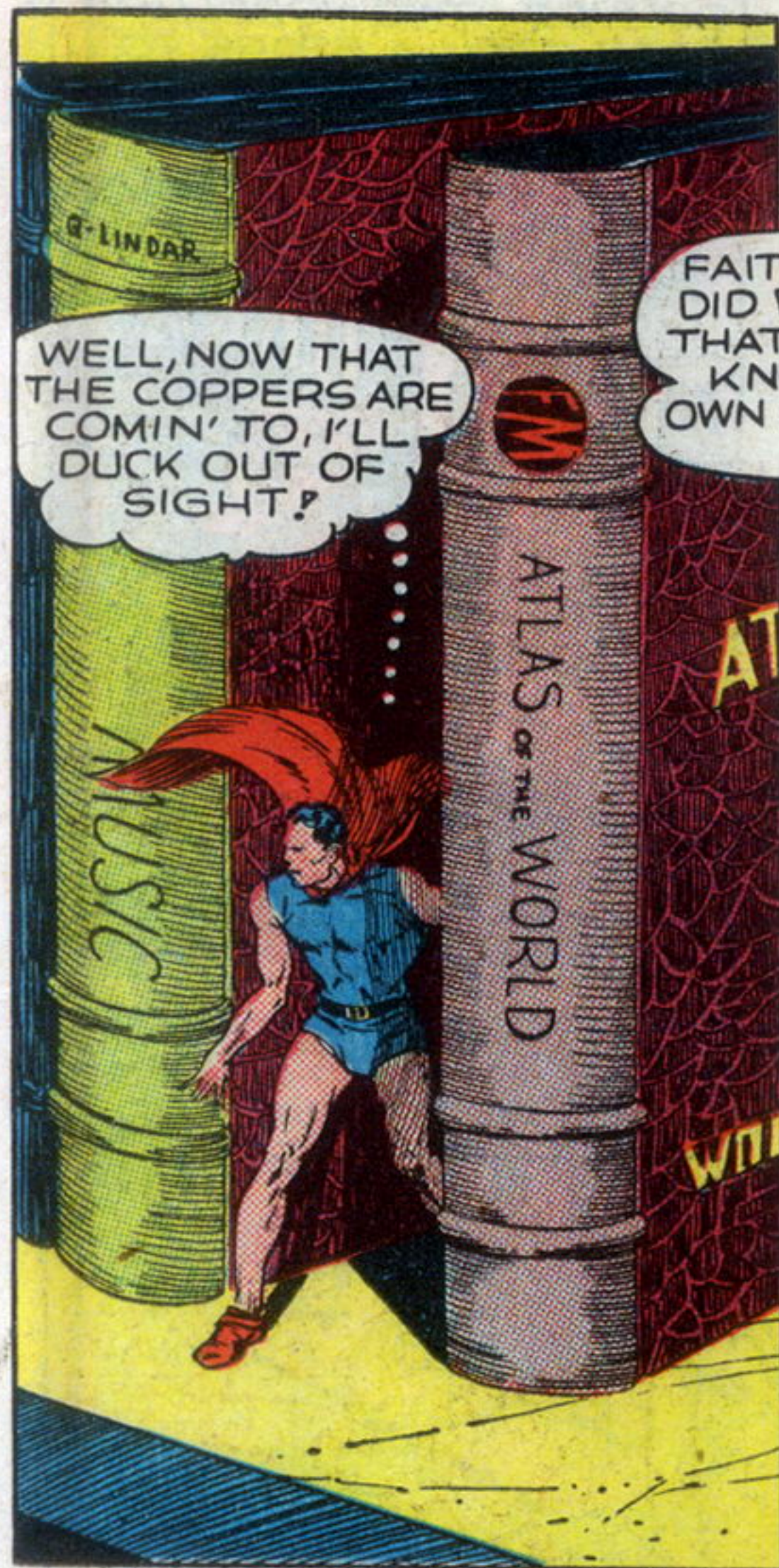




THEN HE PLOWS IN  
WITH HIS FISTS.







WELL, NOW THAT THE COPPERS ARE COMIN' TO, I'LL DUCK OUT OF SIGHT!

FAITH AN' BEGORRA! DID WE DO THAT? WE DON'T KNOW OUR OWN STRENGTH!

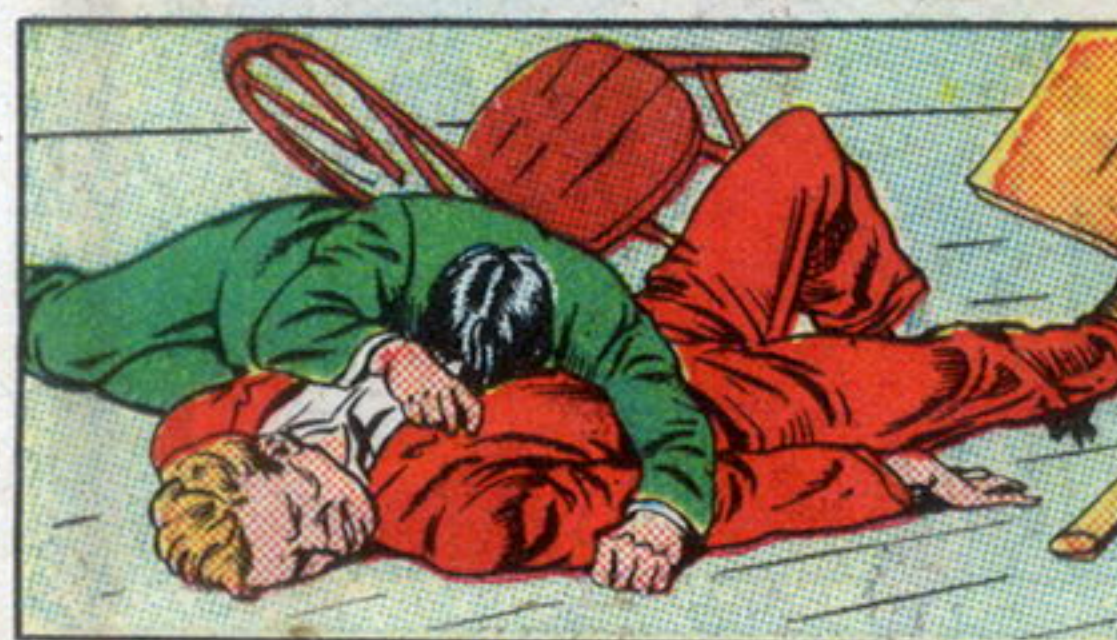


A SECOND LATER THE POLICE ARE SURPRISED TO SEE THE UNCONSCIOUS THUGS ON THE FLOOR.



JUST THEN DARREL DANE STEPS FROM BEHIND THE BOOKCASE...

IS THE FIGHT OVER? CAN SOMEBODY TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?



SURE! THESE MUGS ARE "STUDENTS" AT PROFESSOR COFFIN NALE'S CRIME SCHOOL. WE'RE STILL LOOKIN' FOR THE PROFESSOR THOUGH!



I'M SORRY, MISS, THAT YOUR LIBRARY WAS DISTURBED!



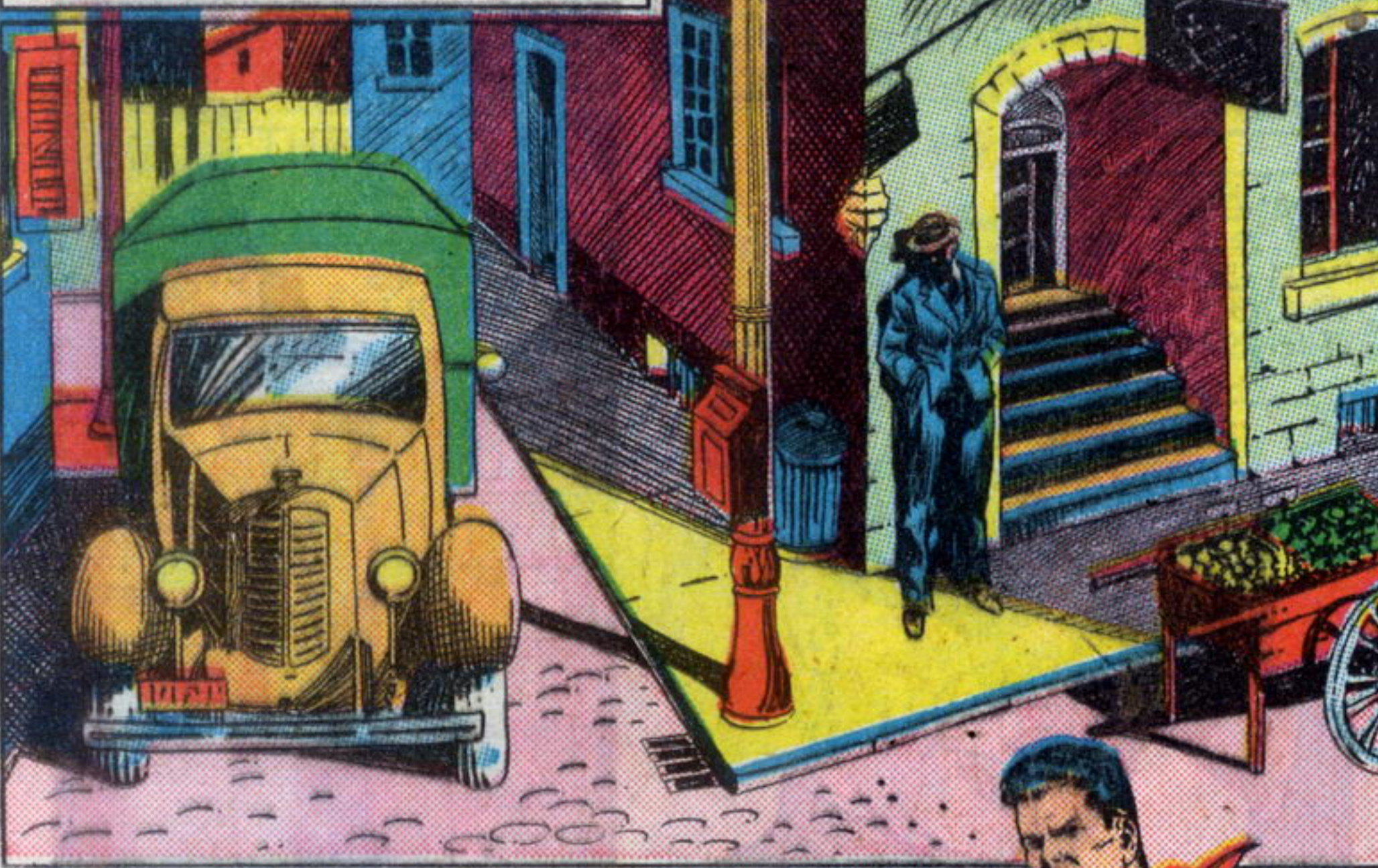
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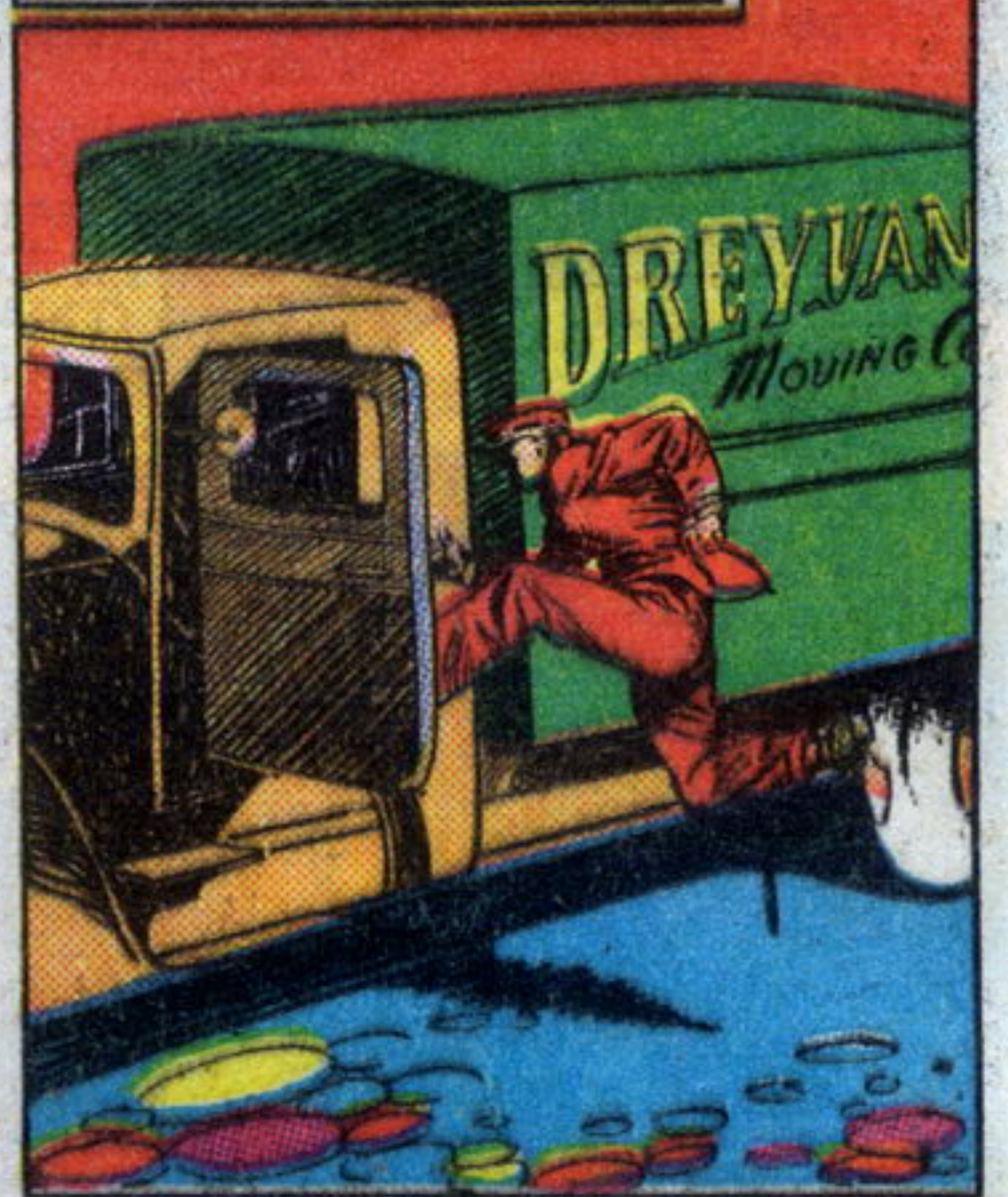
GUESS THE LADY'S SORE.. WELL, I'VE NO TIME TO PATCH THIS UP.. IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO?



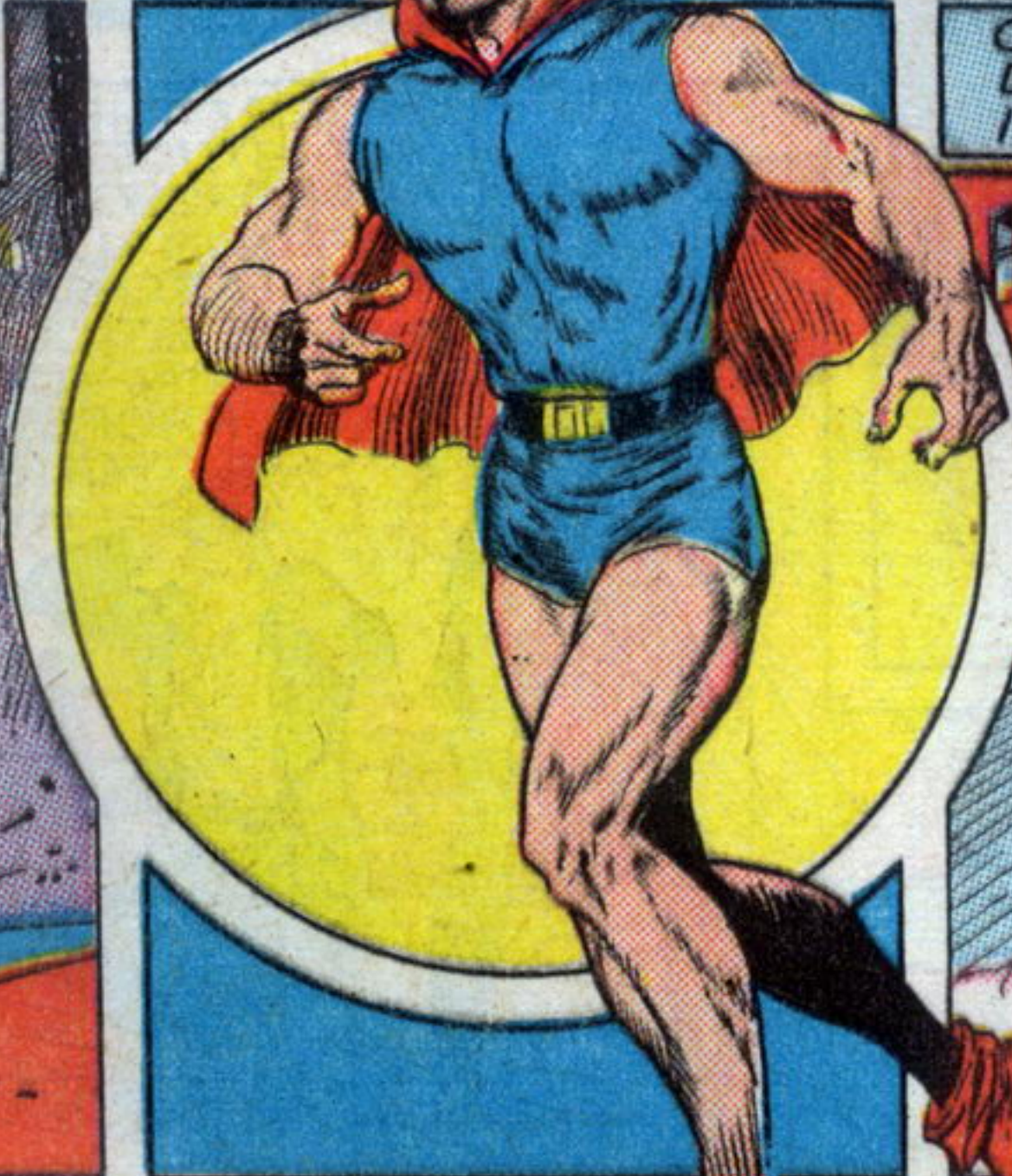
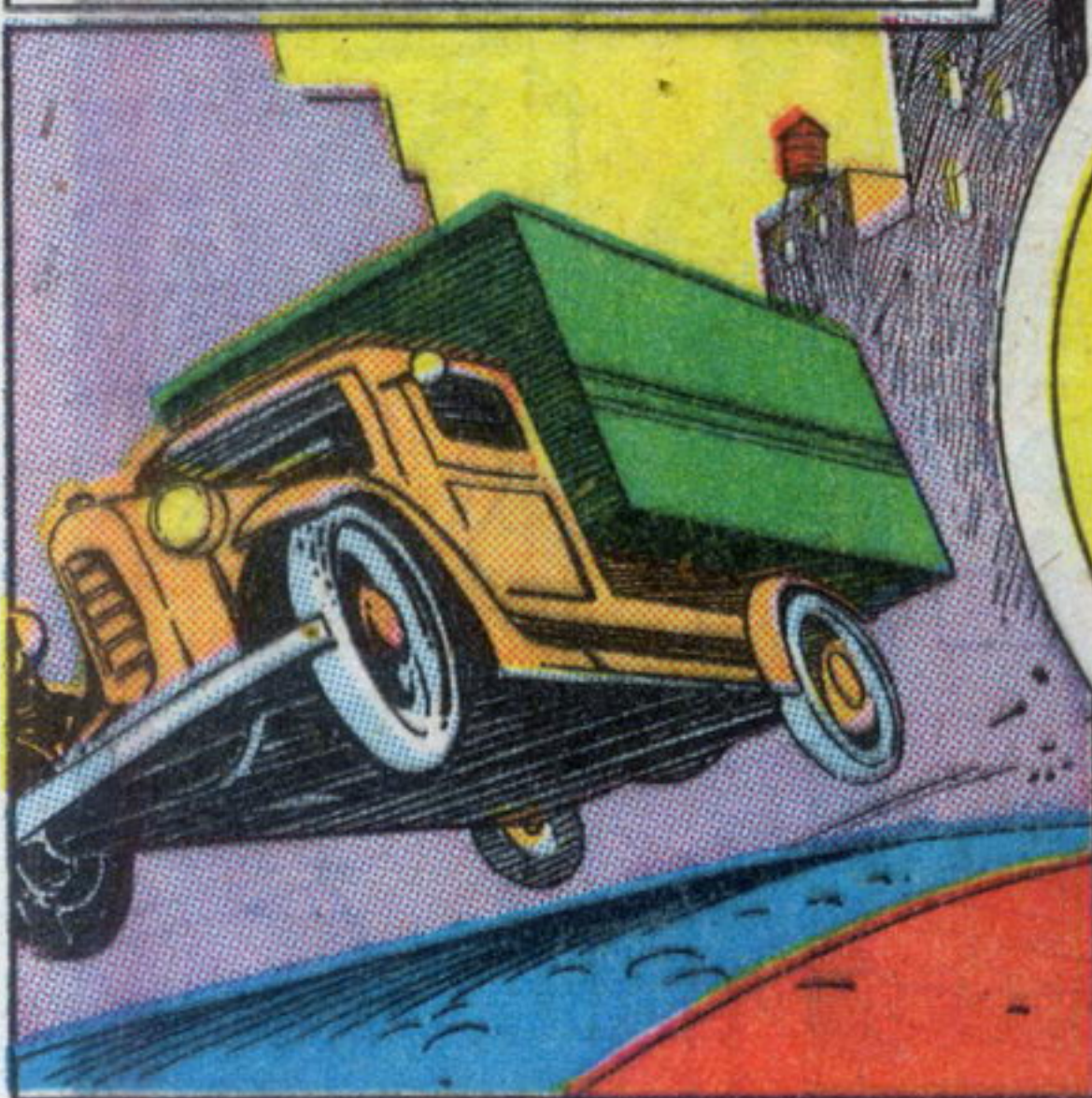
LEAVING THE LIBRARY, DARREL VISITS A TAWDRY PART OF TOWN.



SUDDENLY A BURGLAR ALARM SOUNDS. TWO HOODLUMS DASH FROM A STORE TO A WAITING TRUCK.



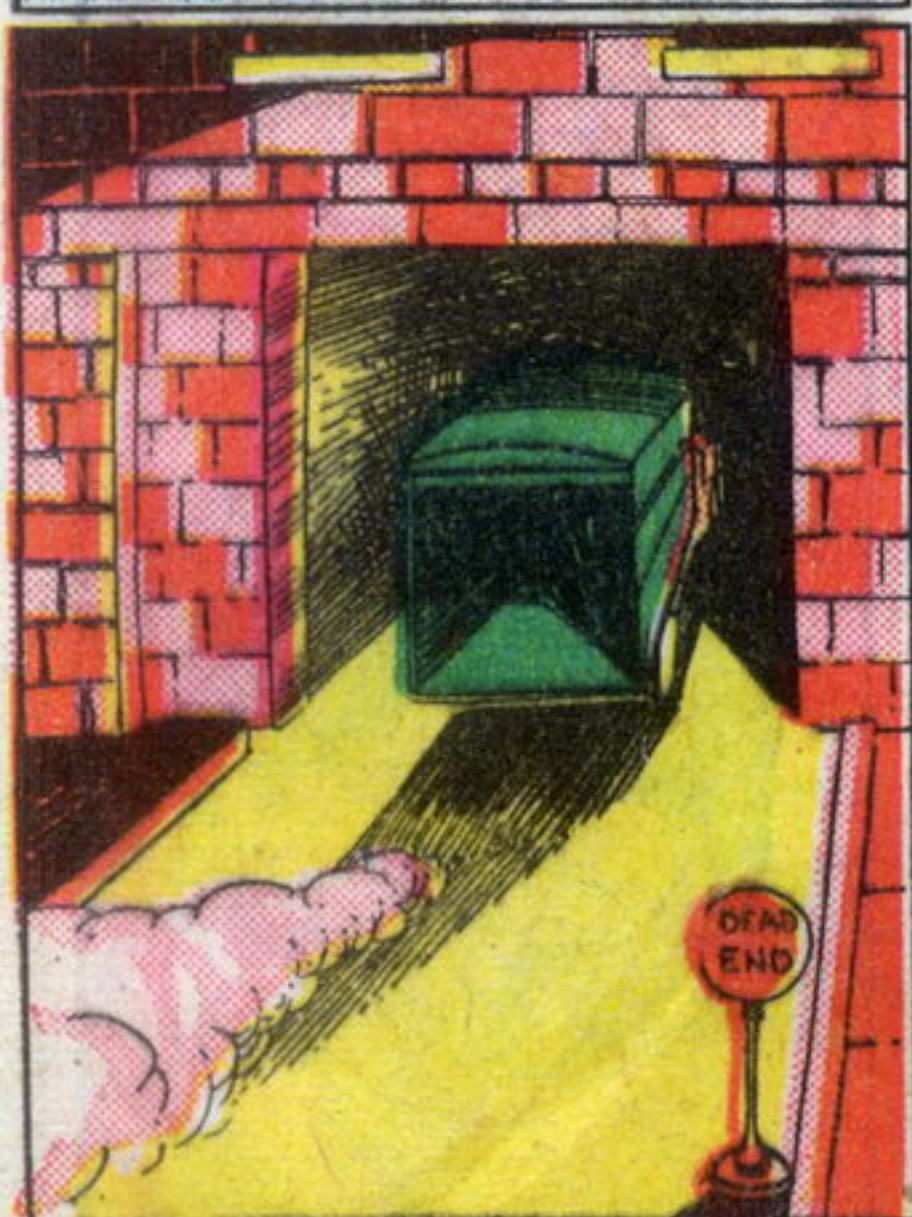
PIVOTING DANGEROUSLY ON TWO WHEELS, THE TRUCK HURTTLES DOWN THE STREET.



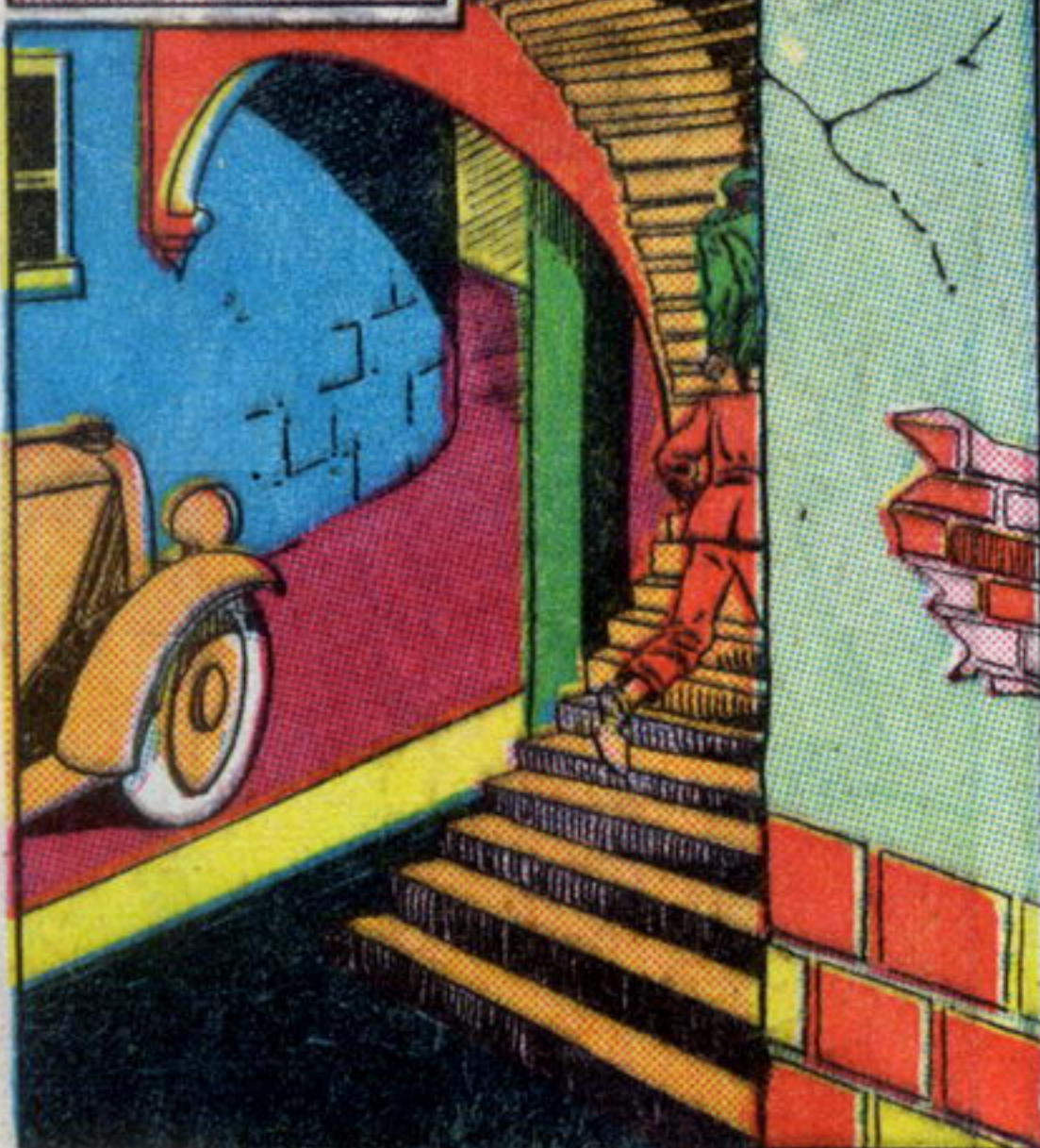
QUICKLY BECOMING THE DOLL MAN, DARREL HOPS INTO THE TRUCK.



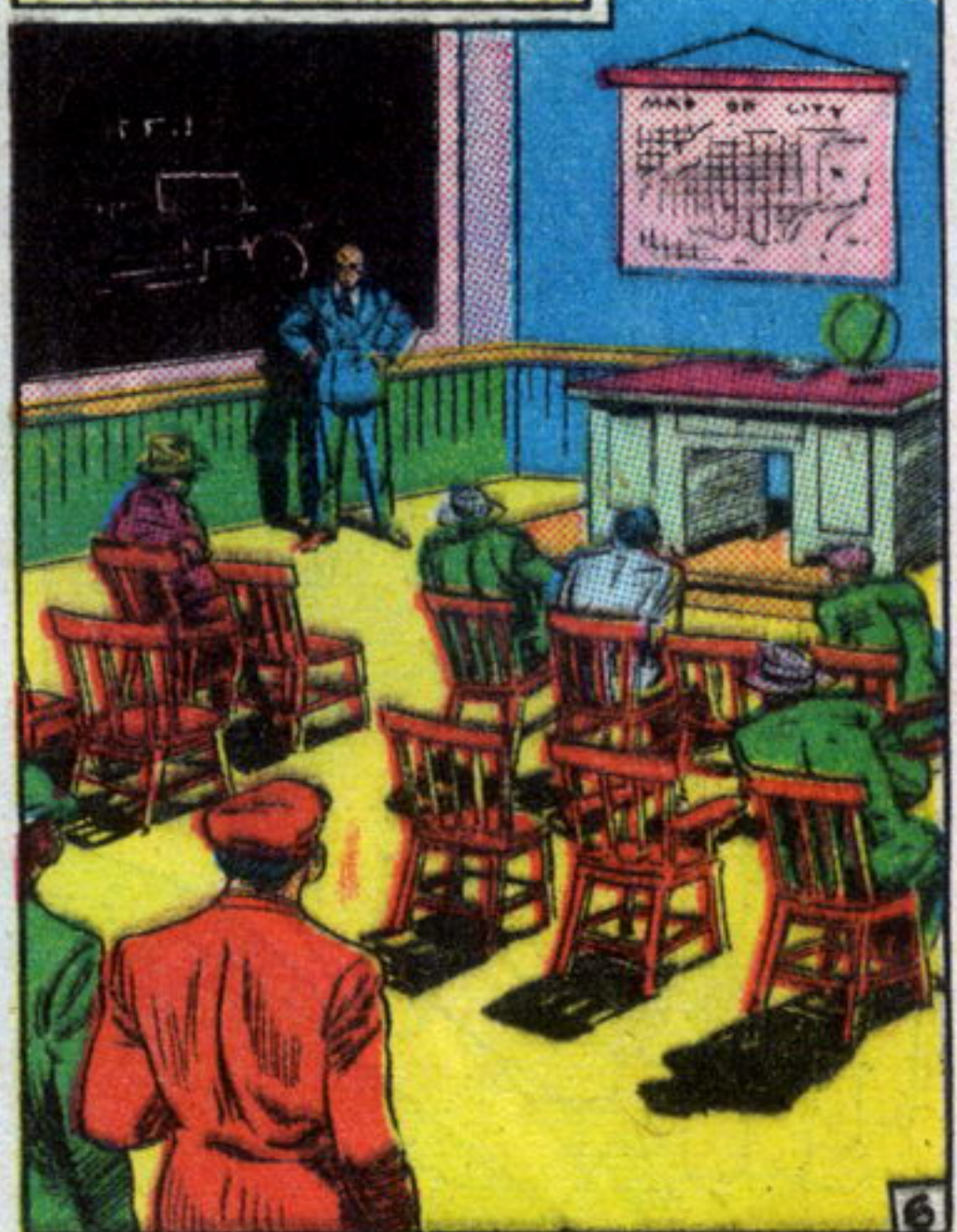
THEY SPEED TO THE END OF A DEAD END STREET. SUDDENLY A BLANK BRICK WALL OPENS.



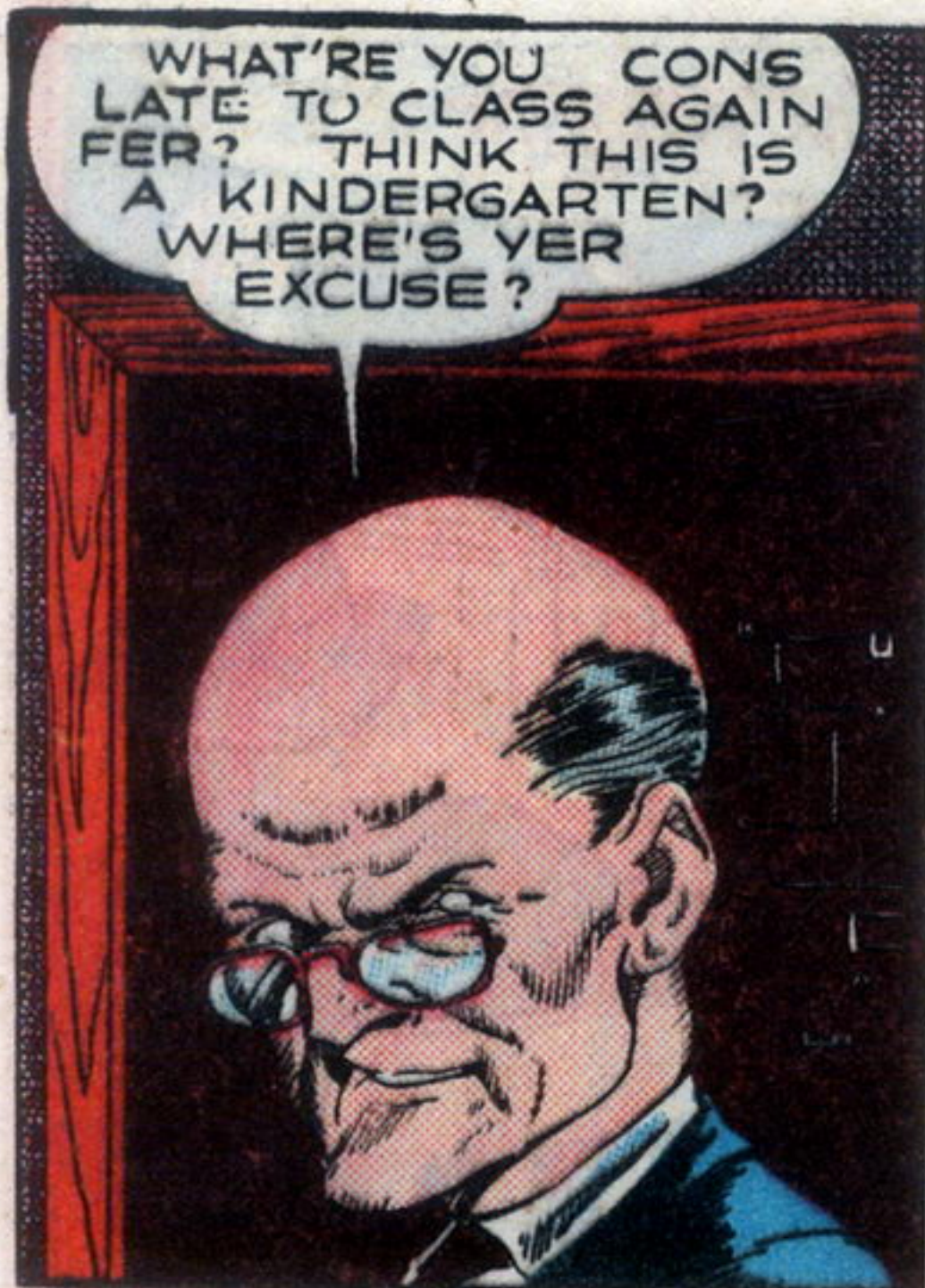
INSIDE IS A VAST GARAGE. THE THUGS GET OUT AND SCOOT UPSTAIRS.



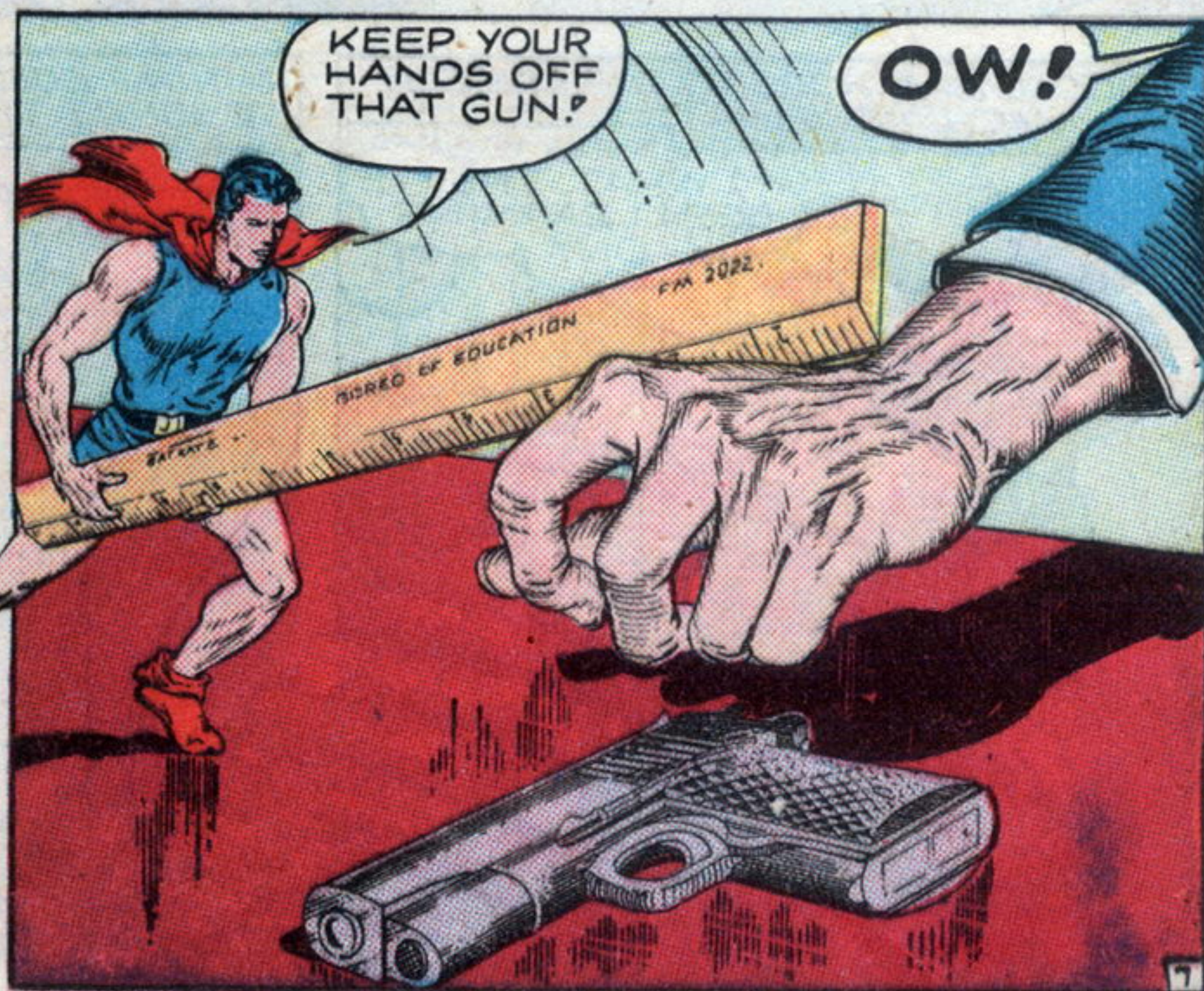
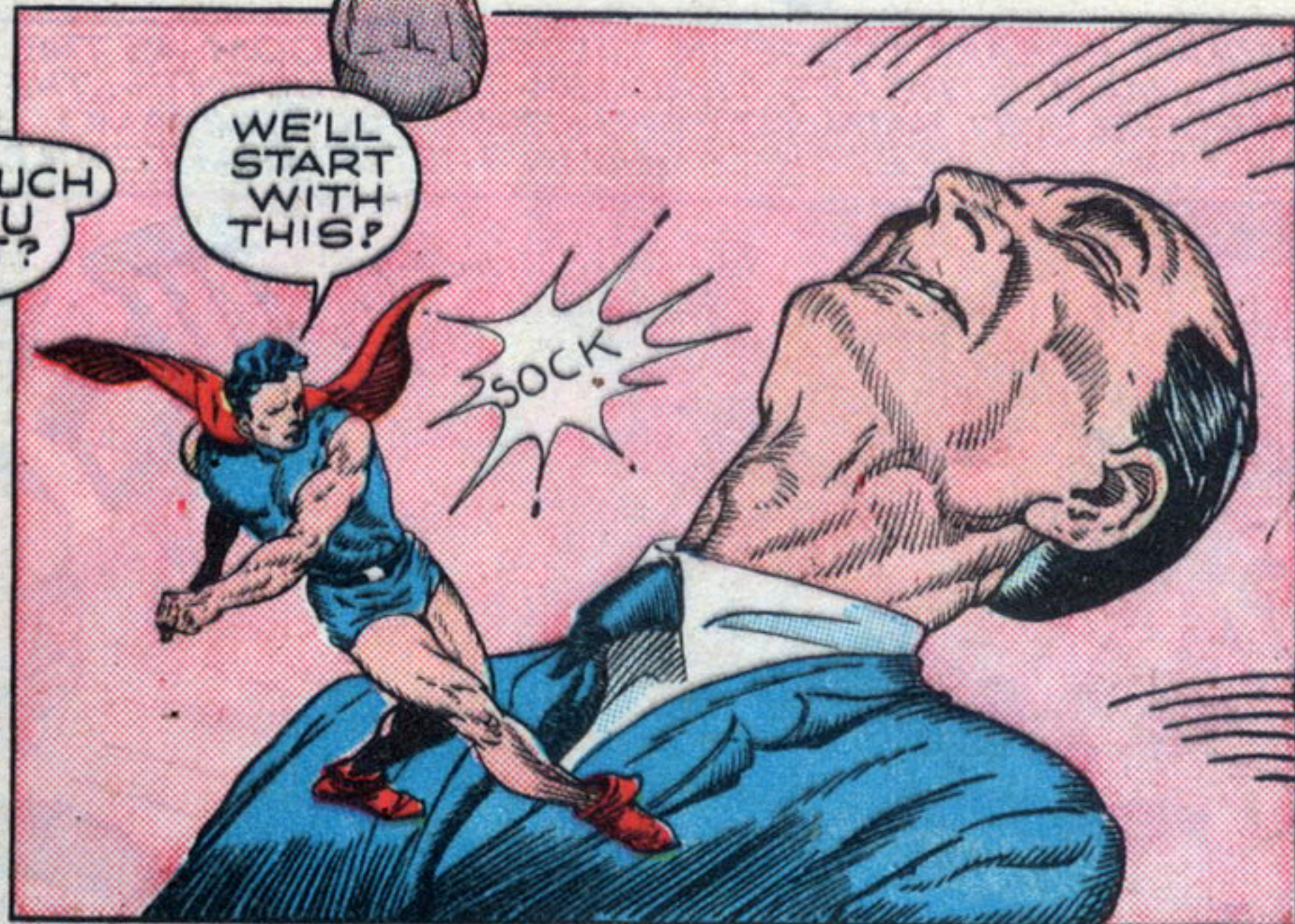
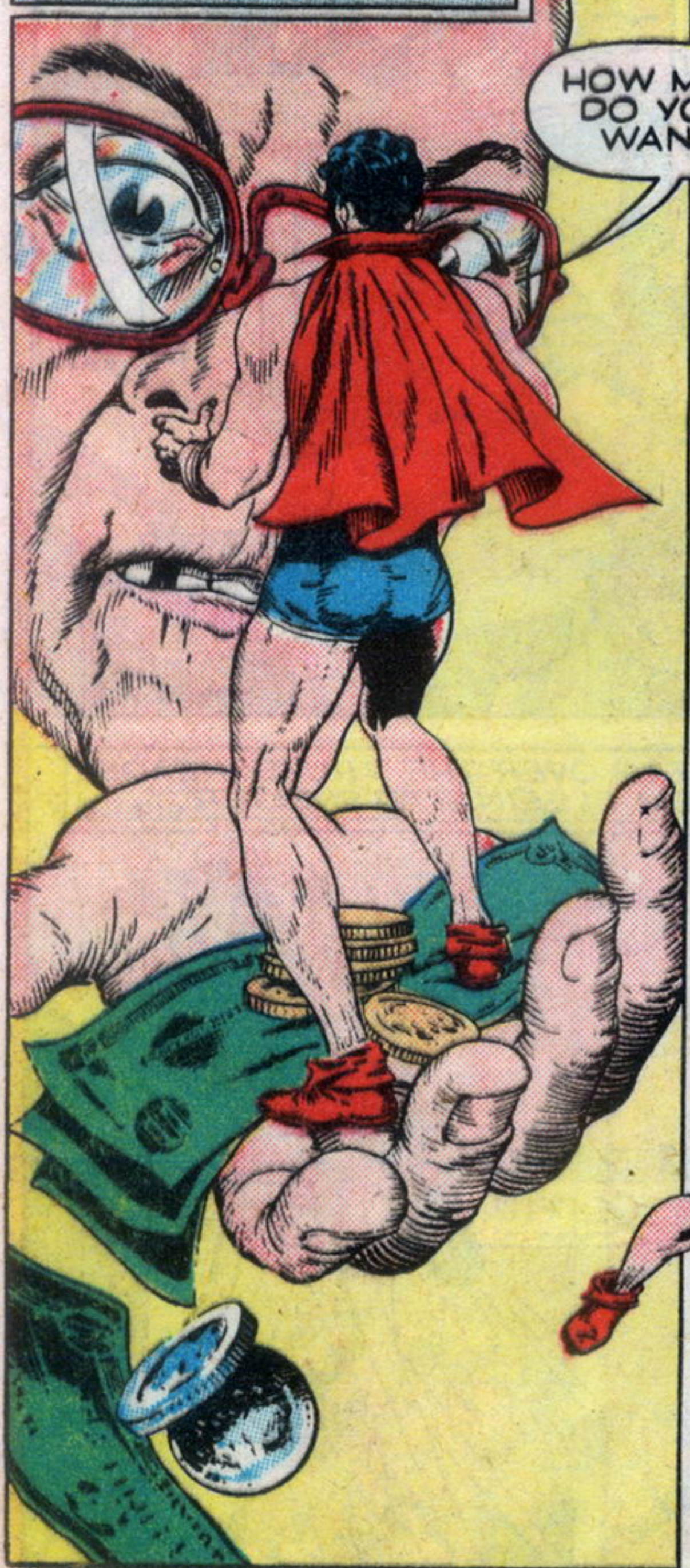
WHERE THEY ENTER A LARGE ROOM.







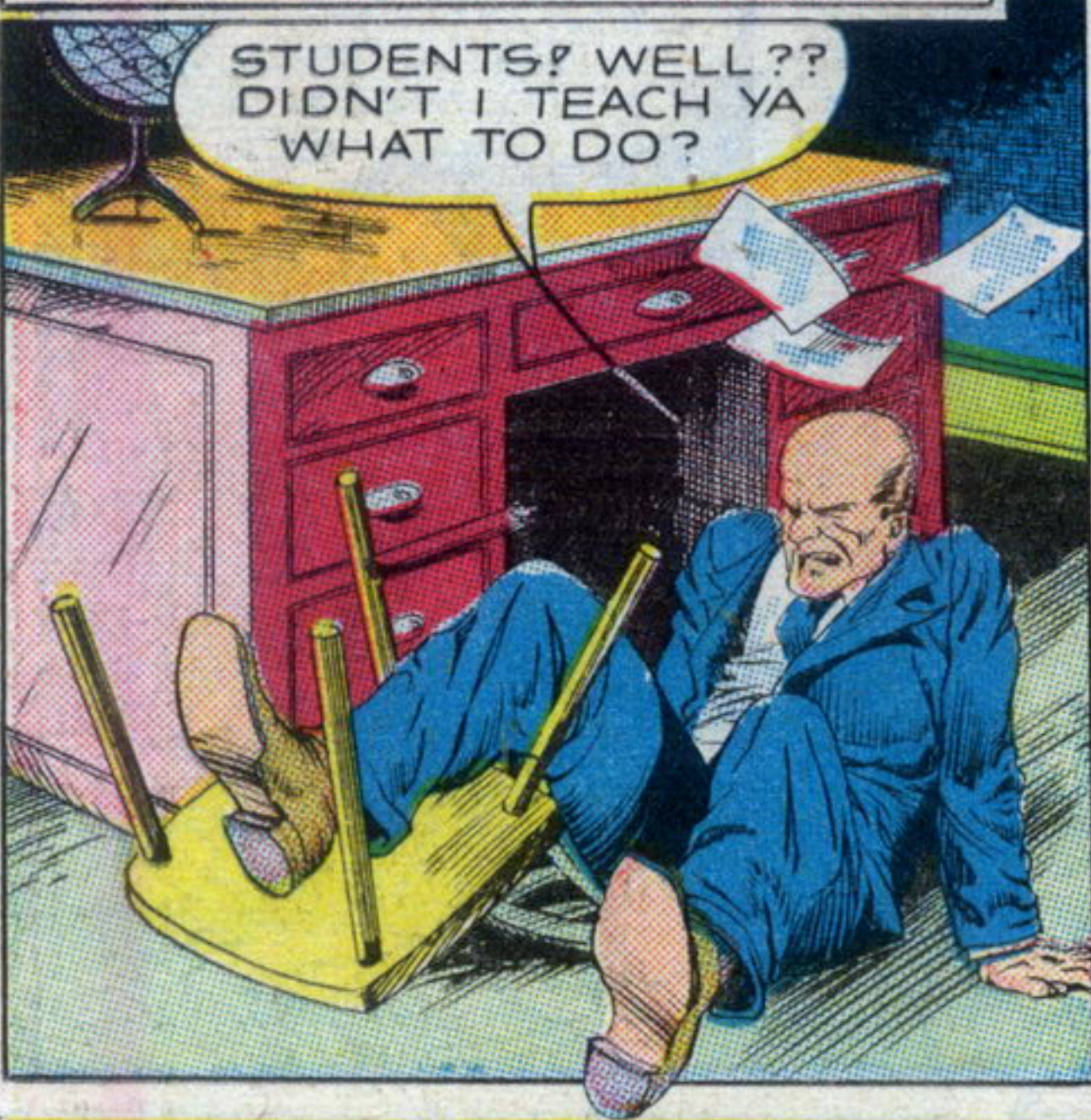
PROFESSOR COFFIN NALE OPENS  
THE MONEY BAG AND..



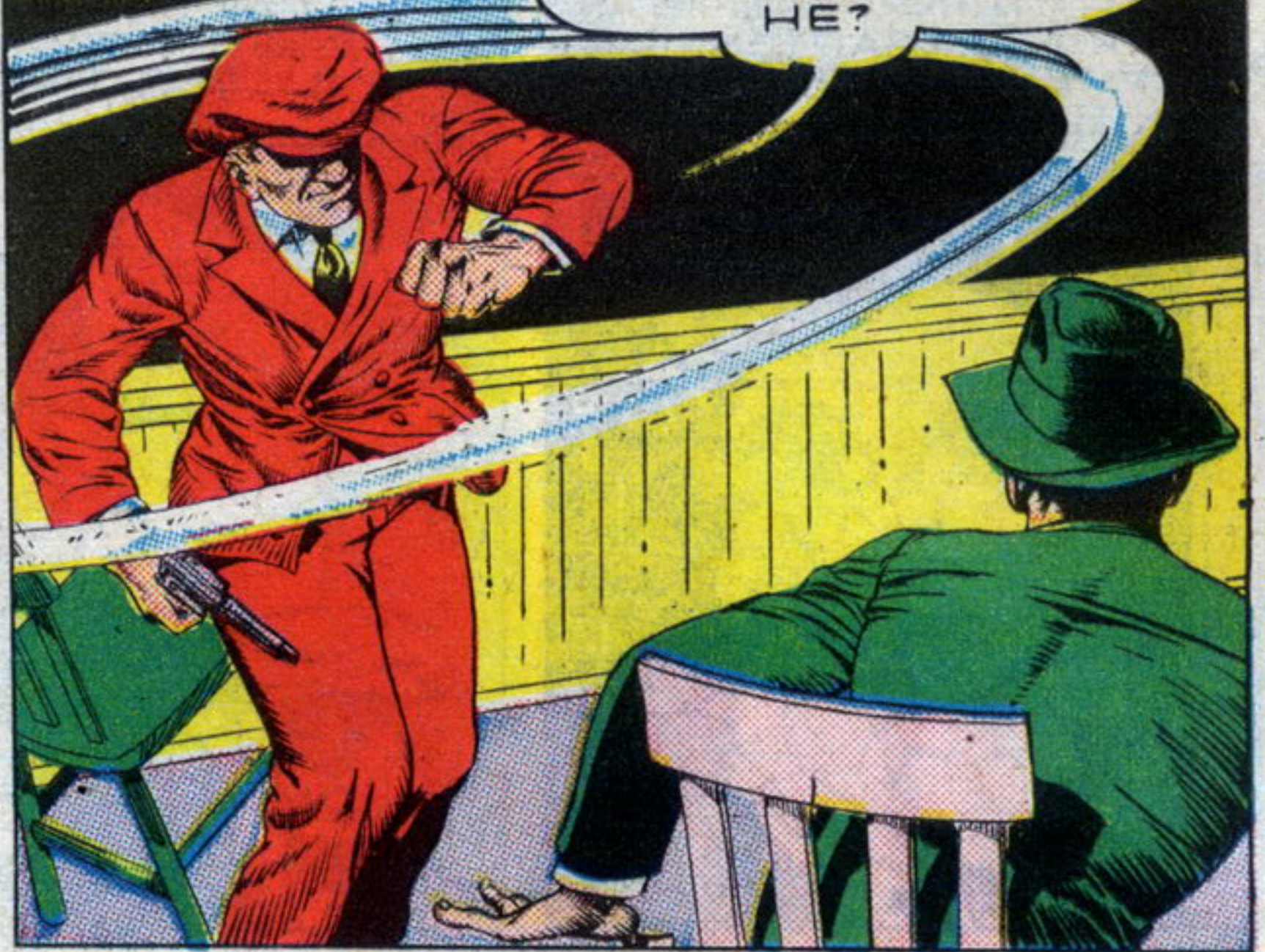


ANGRILY, THE PROFESSOR INSTRUCTS FROM THE FLOOR.

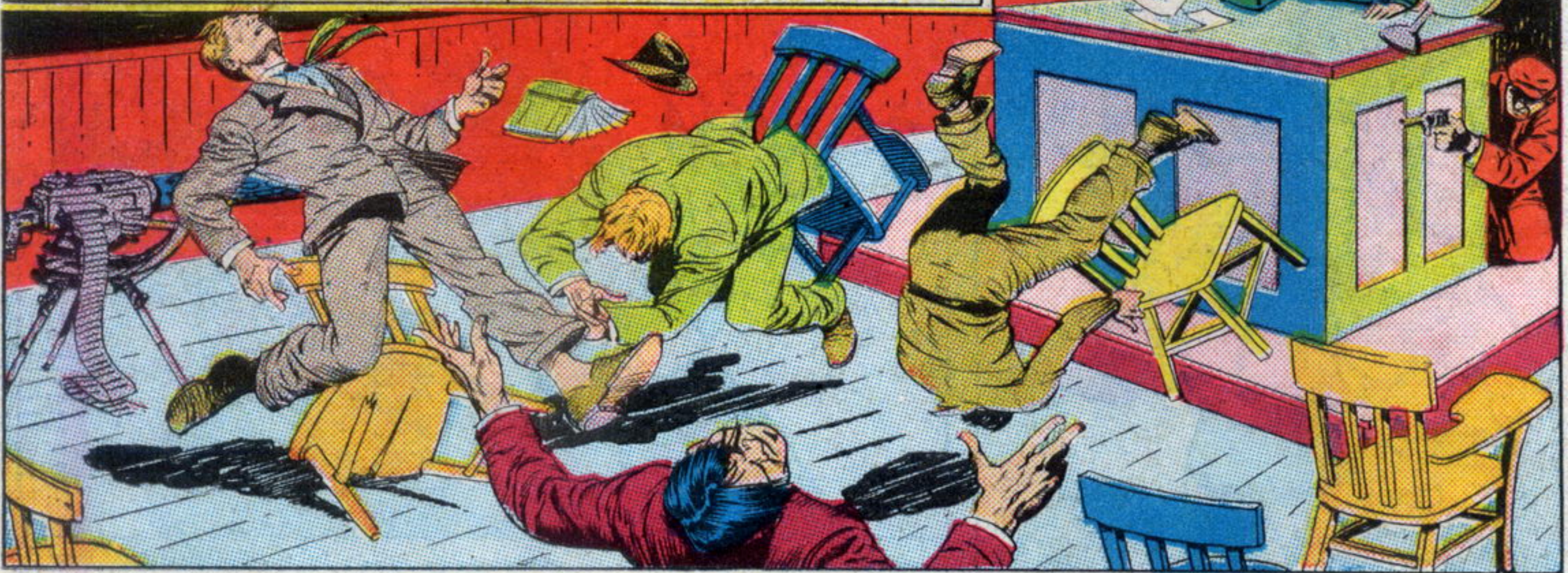
STUDENTS? WELL ?? DIDN'T I TEACH YA WHAT TO DO?



OKAY PROF..WE'LL KILL 'IM, BUT WHERE IS HE?

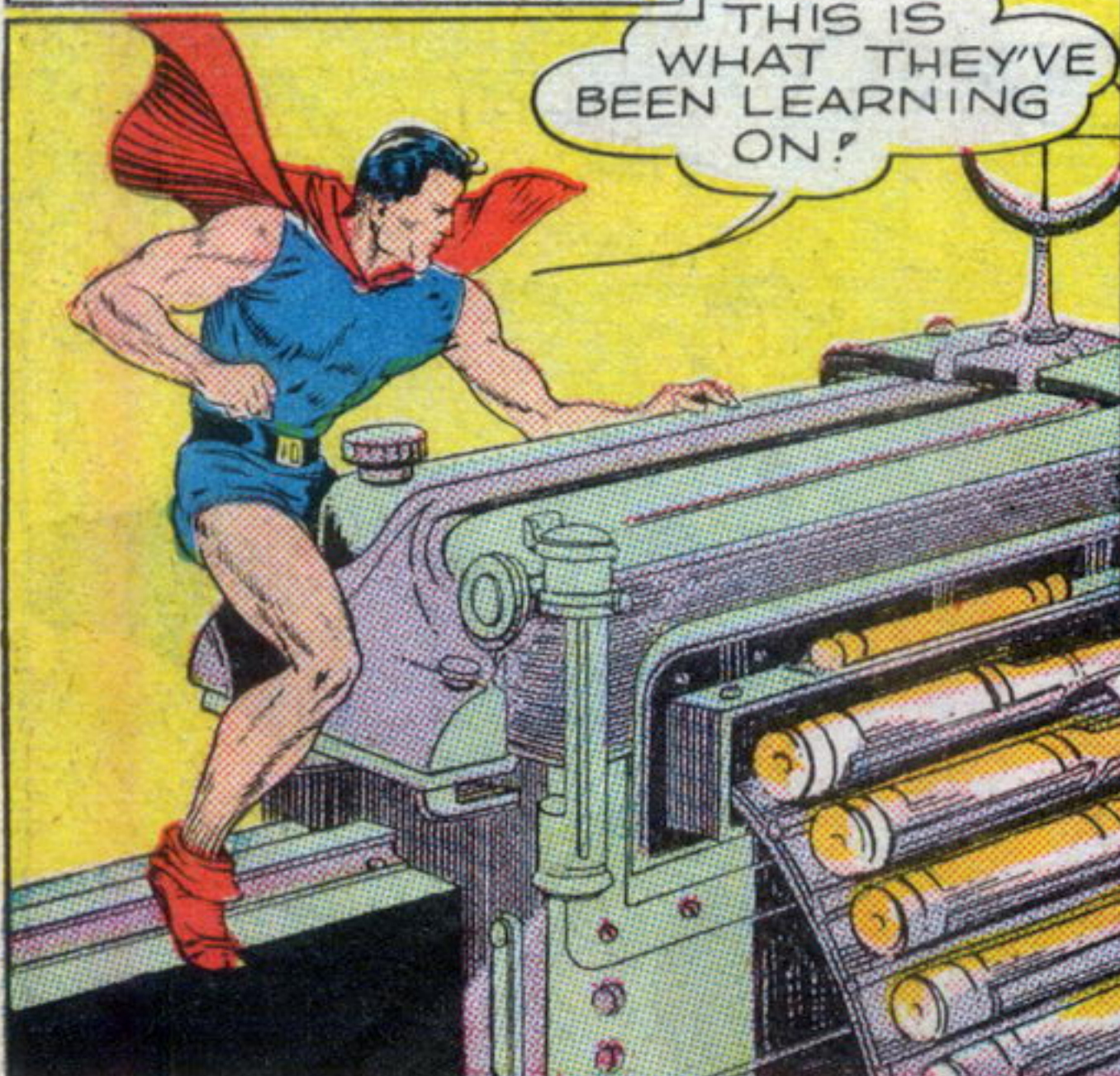


BEDLAM BREAKS LOOSE IN THE SCHOOLROOM AS THE DOLL MAN STREAKS THROUGH THE STUDENTS..THEY STRUGGLE IN VAIN TO CATCH THE TINY DYNAMO AND FALL OVER EACH OTHER IN THE WILD ATTEMPT.

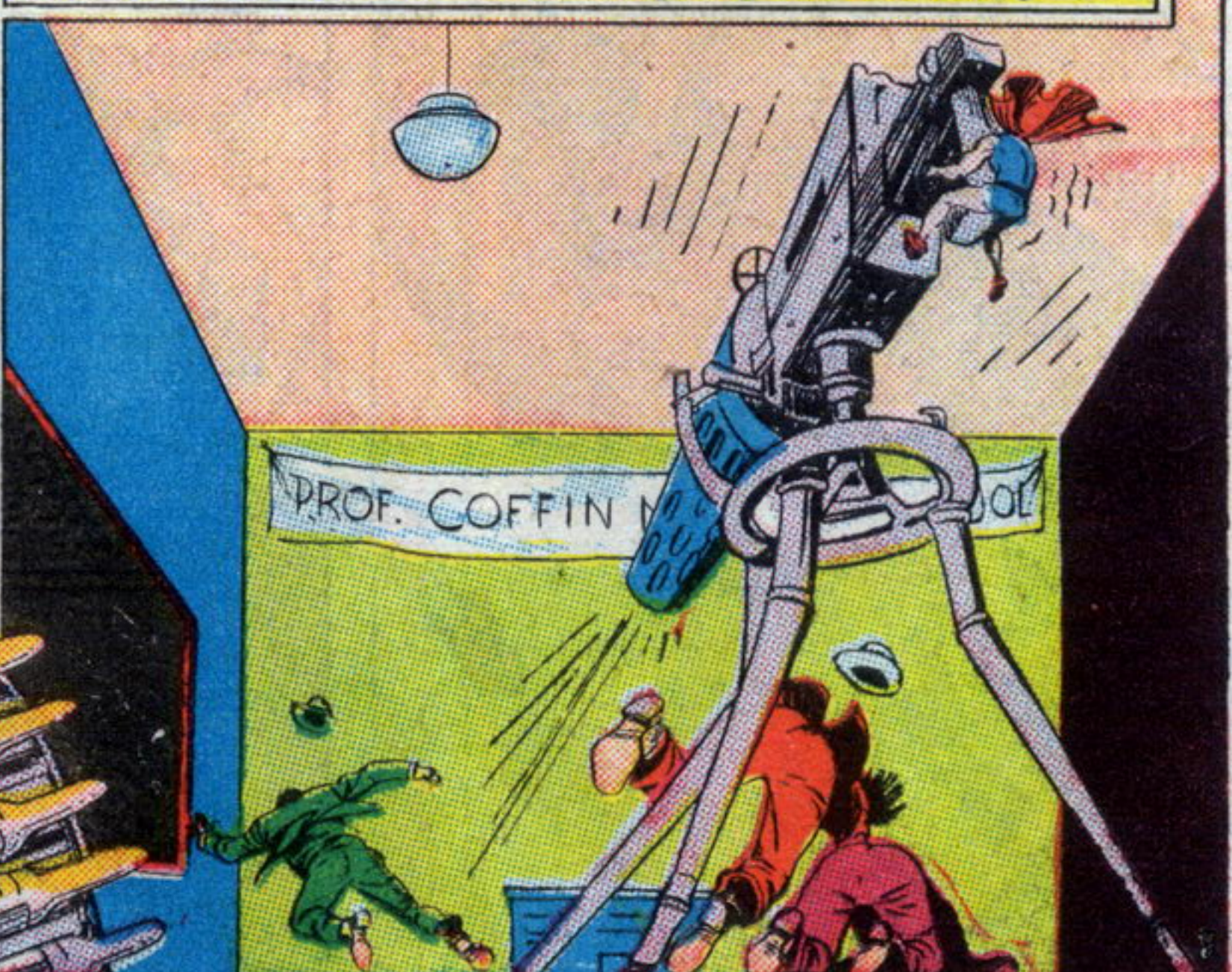


THE DOLL MAN HOPS TO THE BREECH OF A MACHINE GUN.

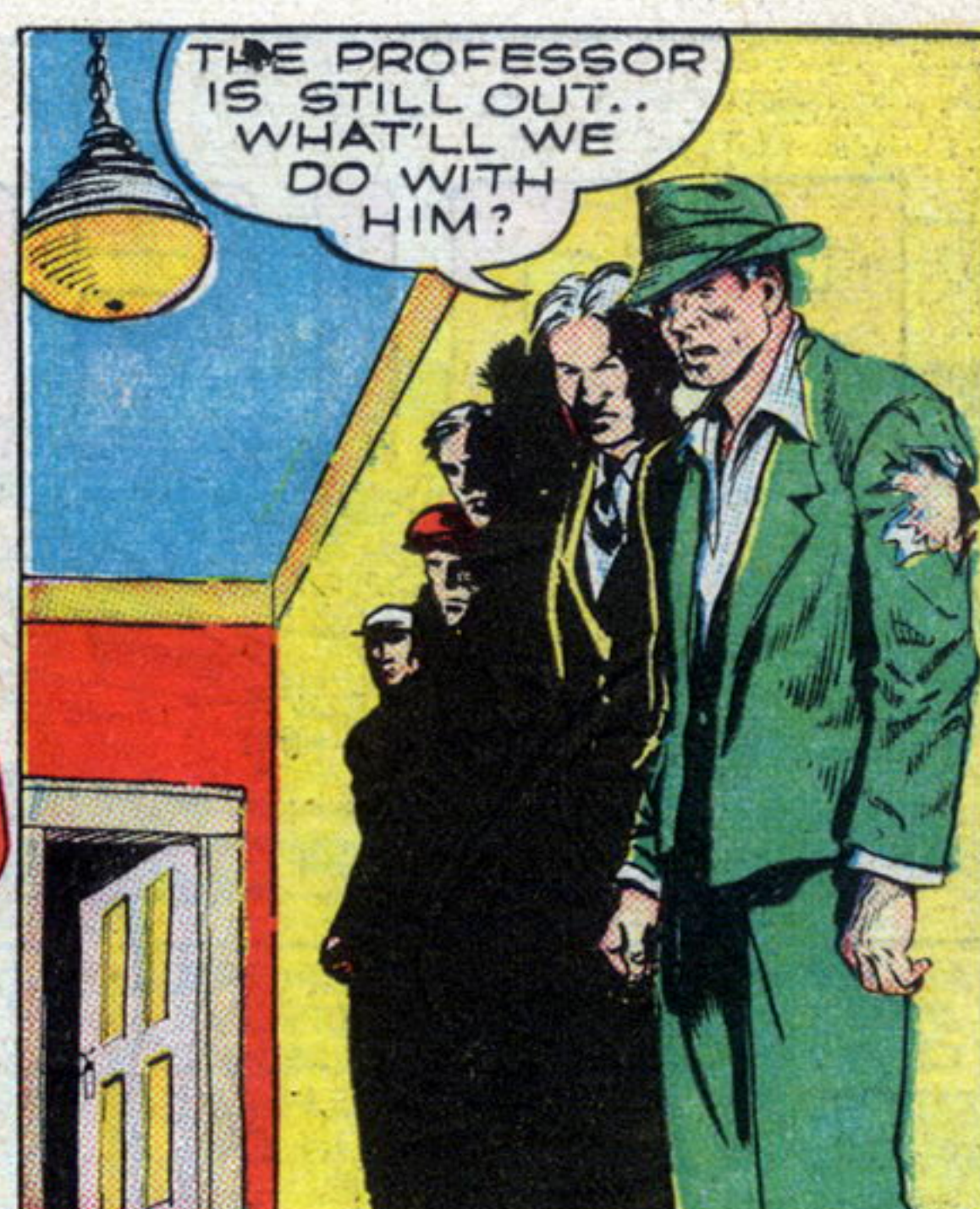
THIS IS WHAT THEY'VE BEEN LEARNING ON!



RAINING BULLETS OVER THE THUGS' HEADS, HE SENDS THEM FLEEING TO SHELTER.





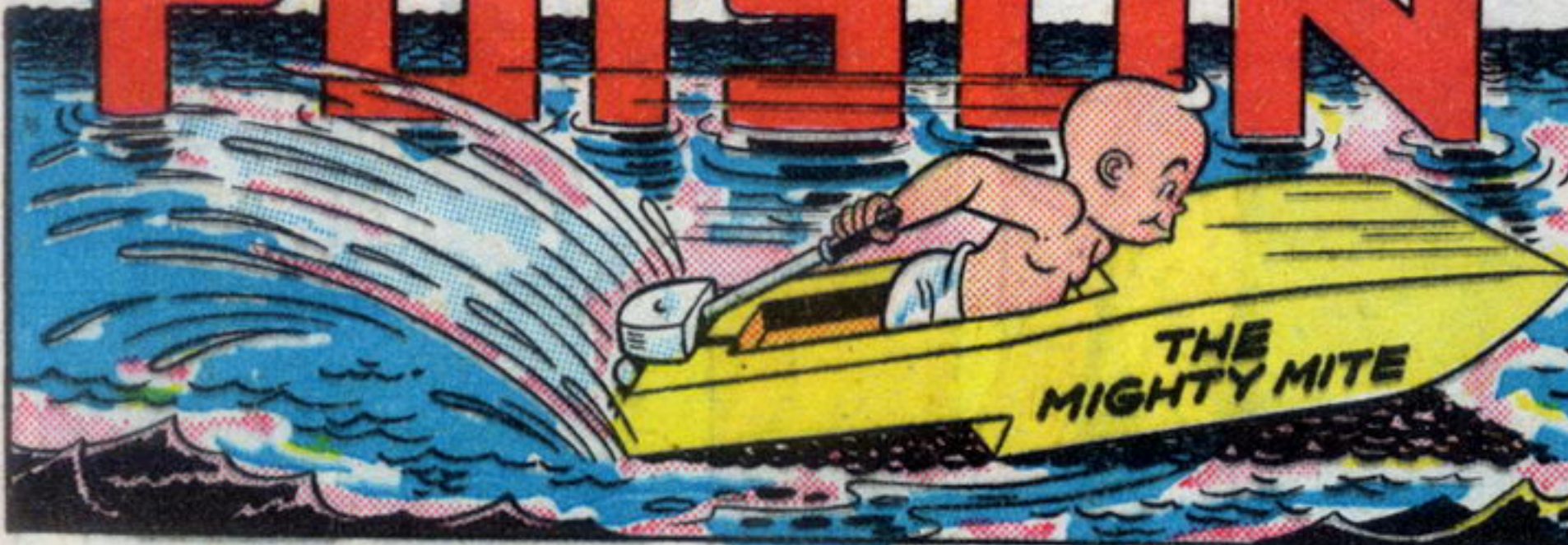


Following the sensational adventures of The Doll Man each month in FEATURE COMICS.

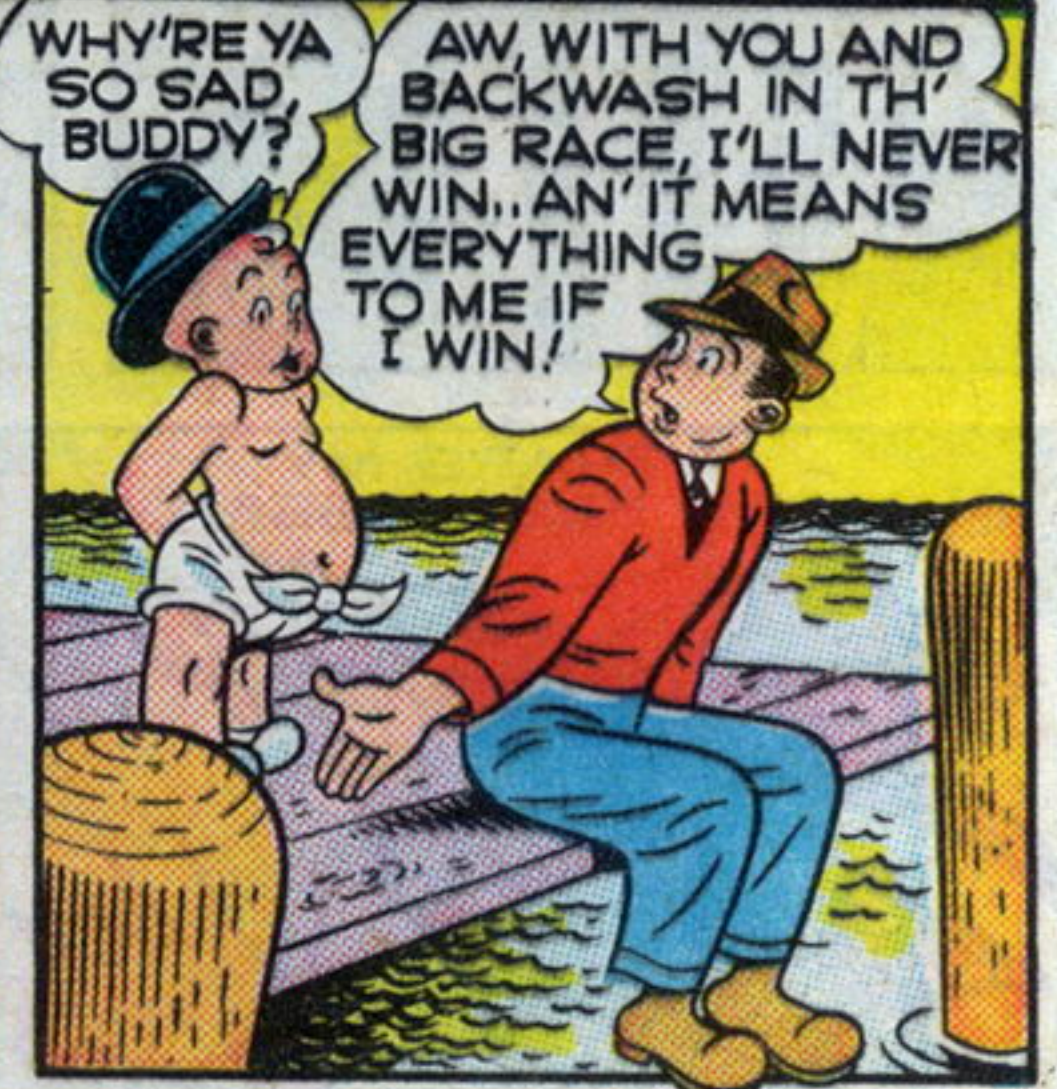


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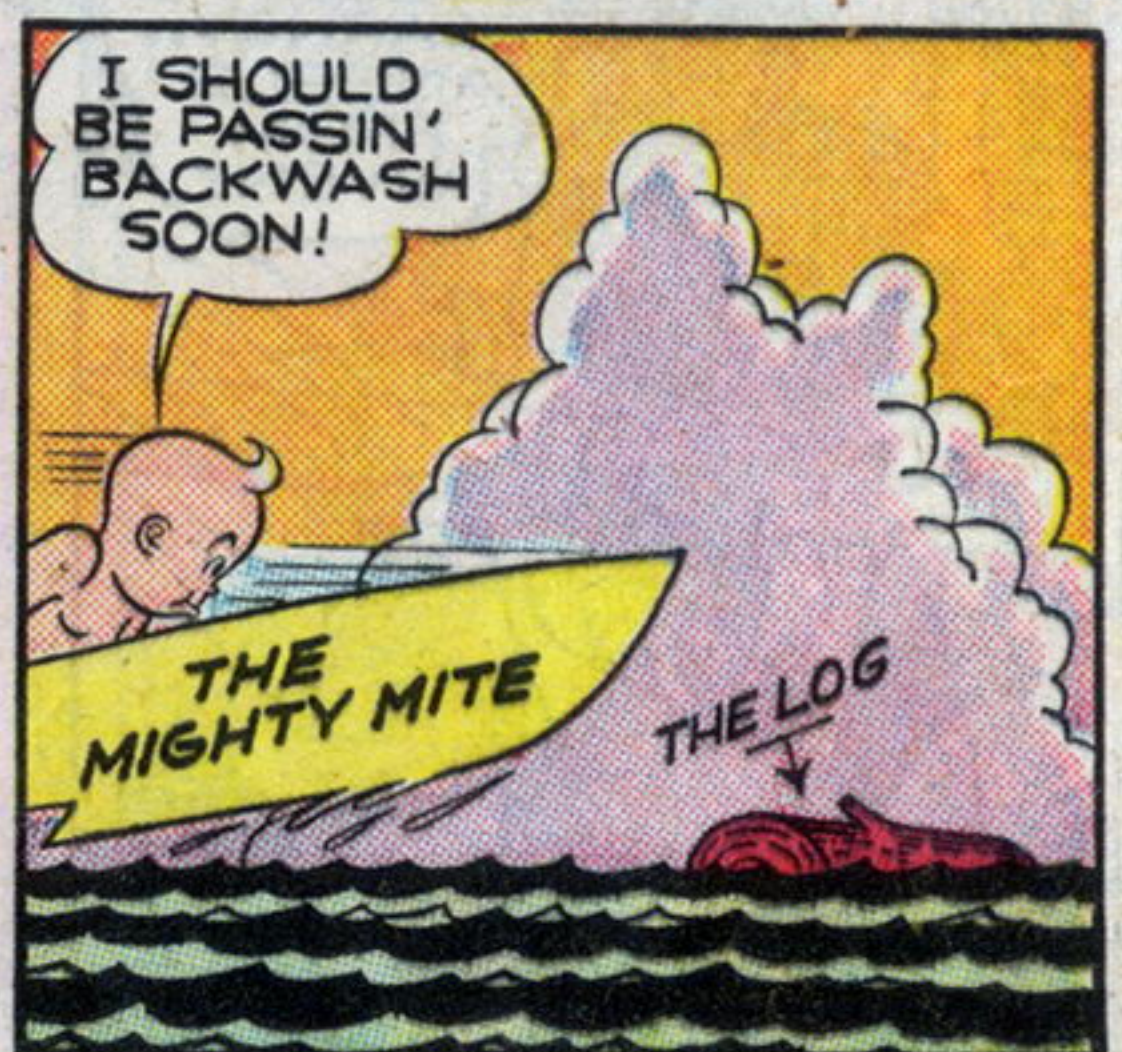
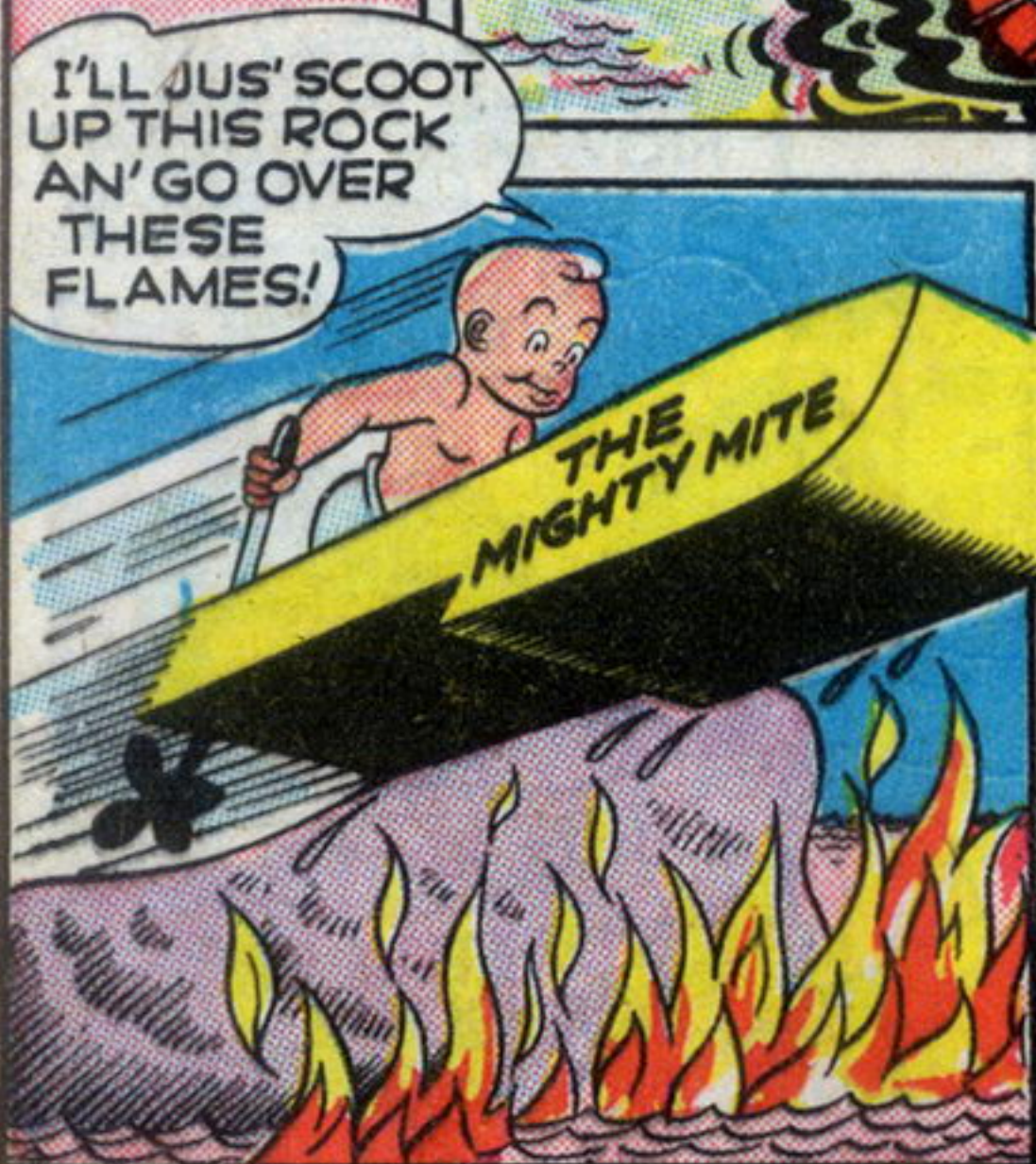
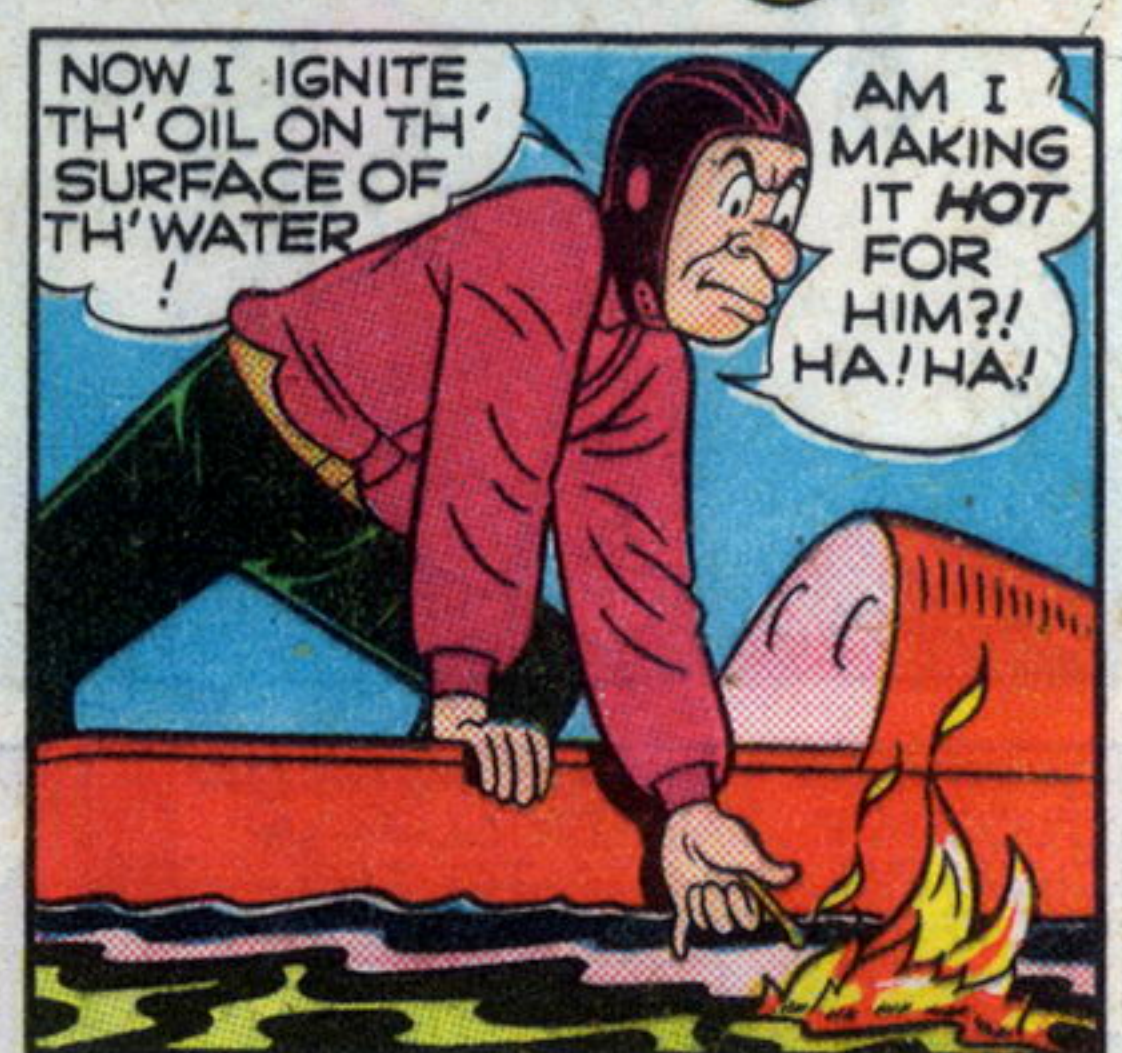
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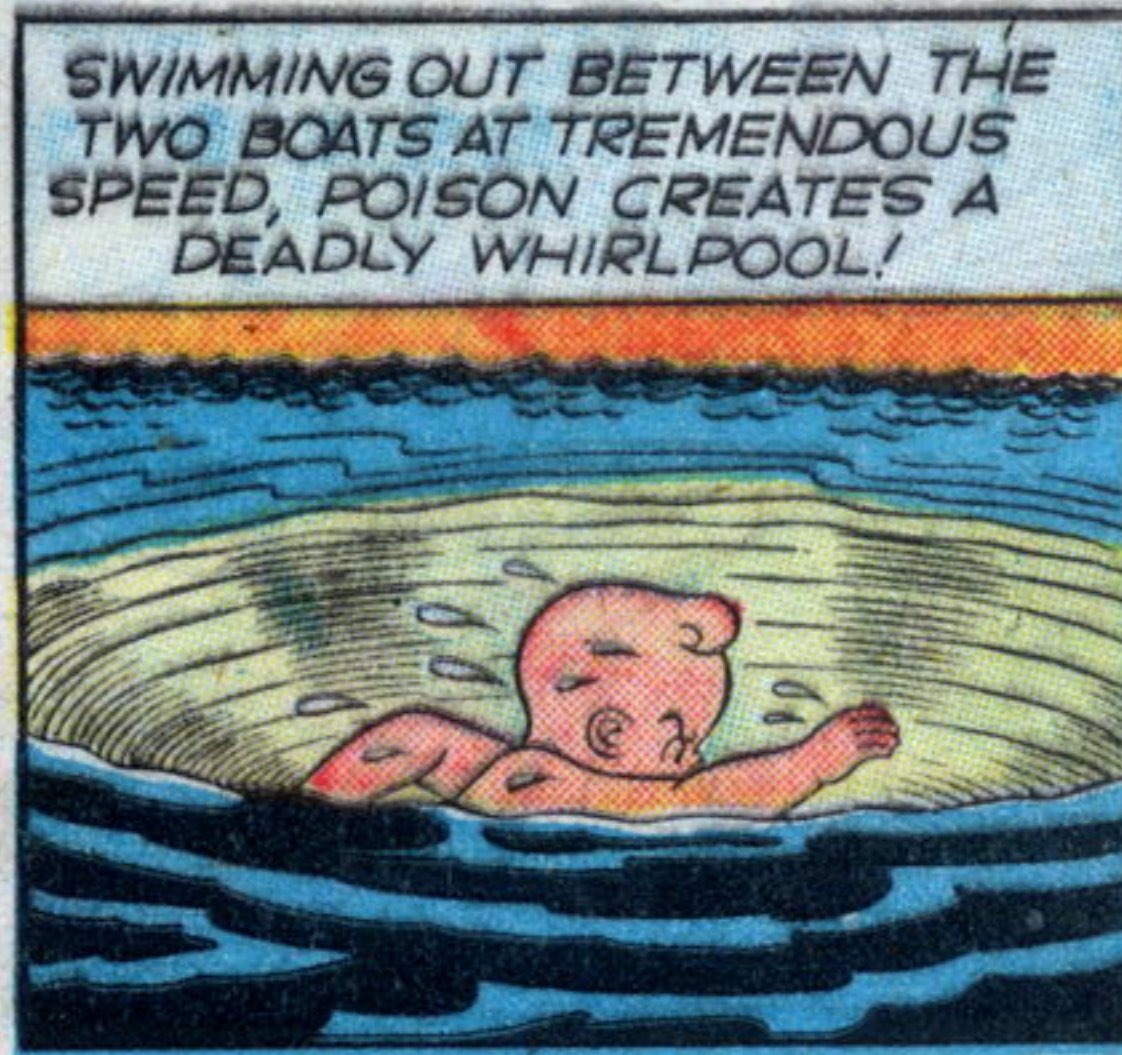
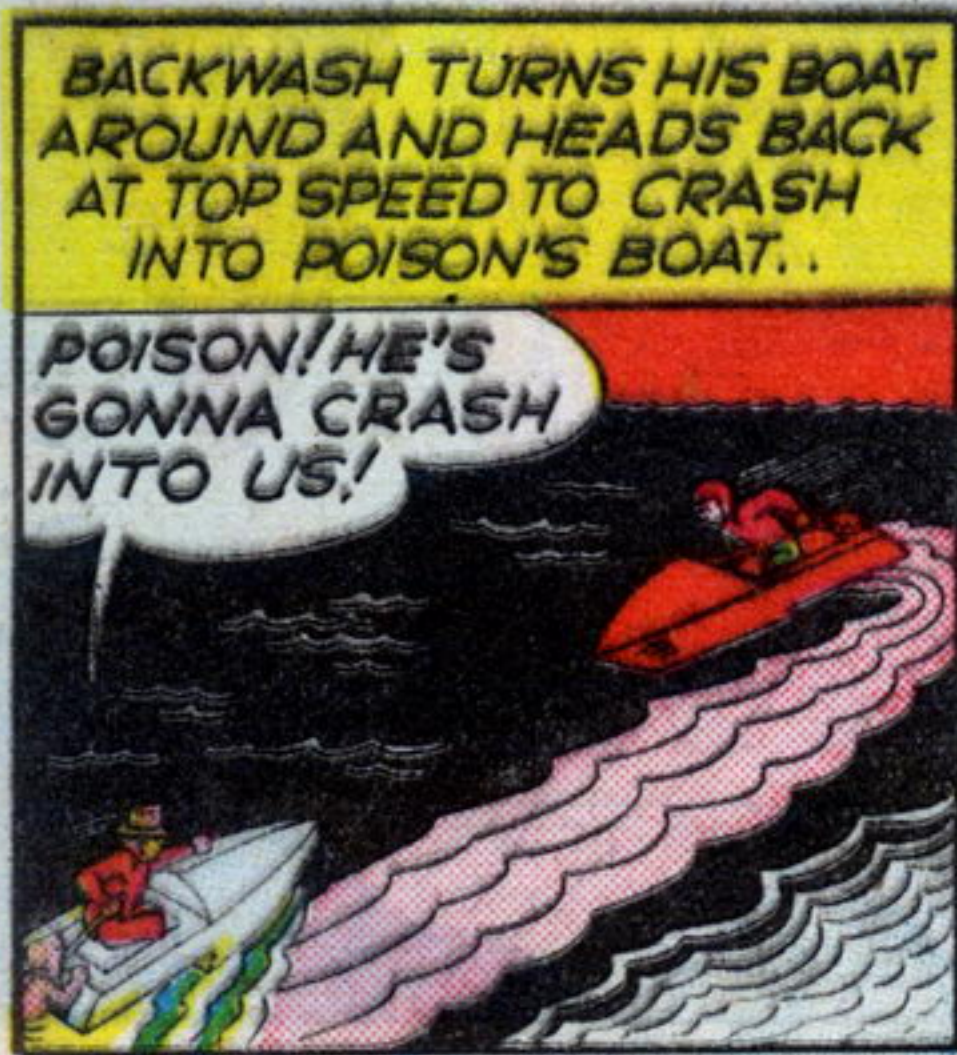
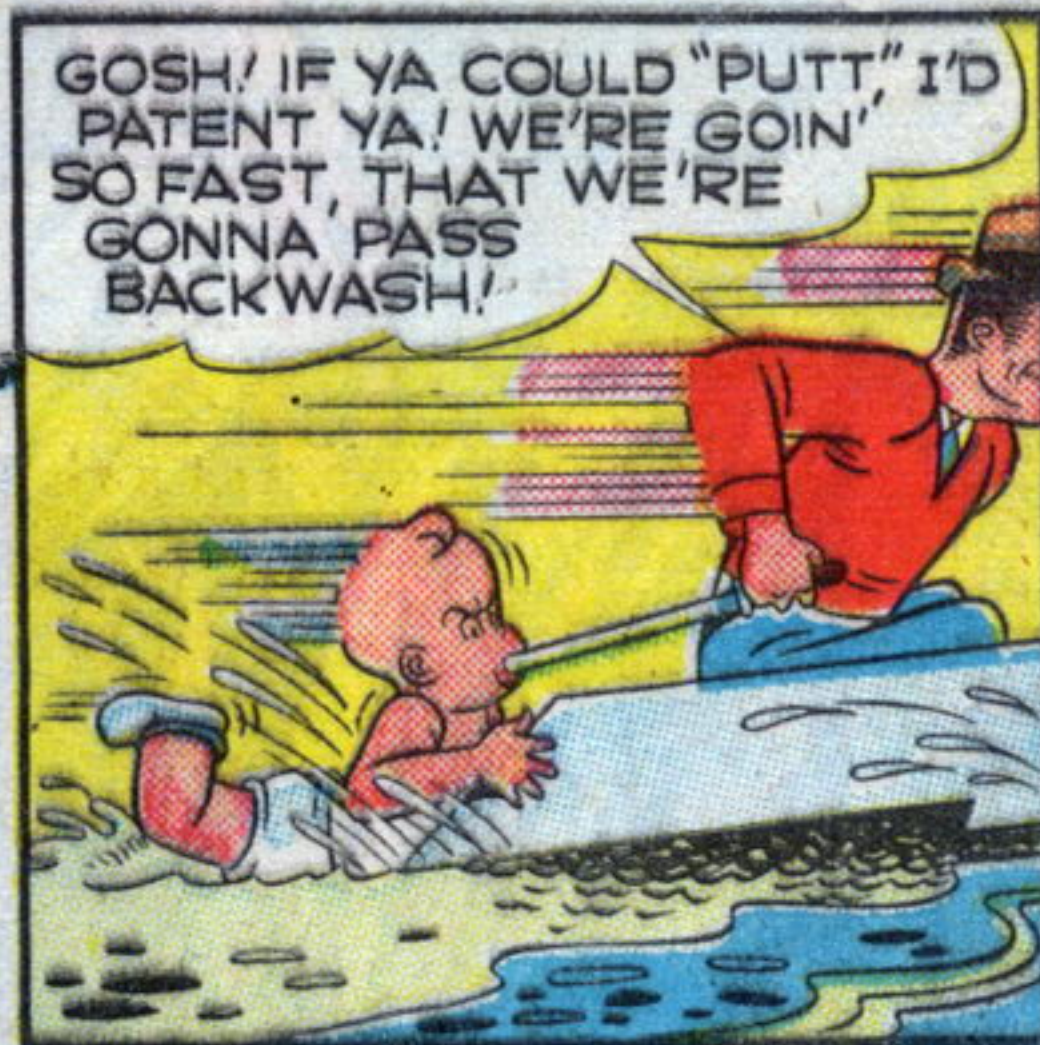
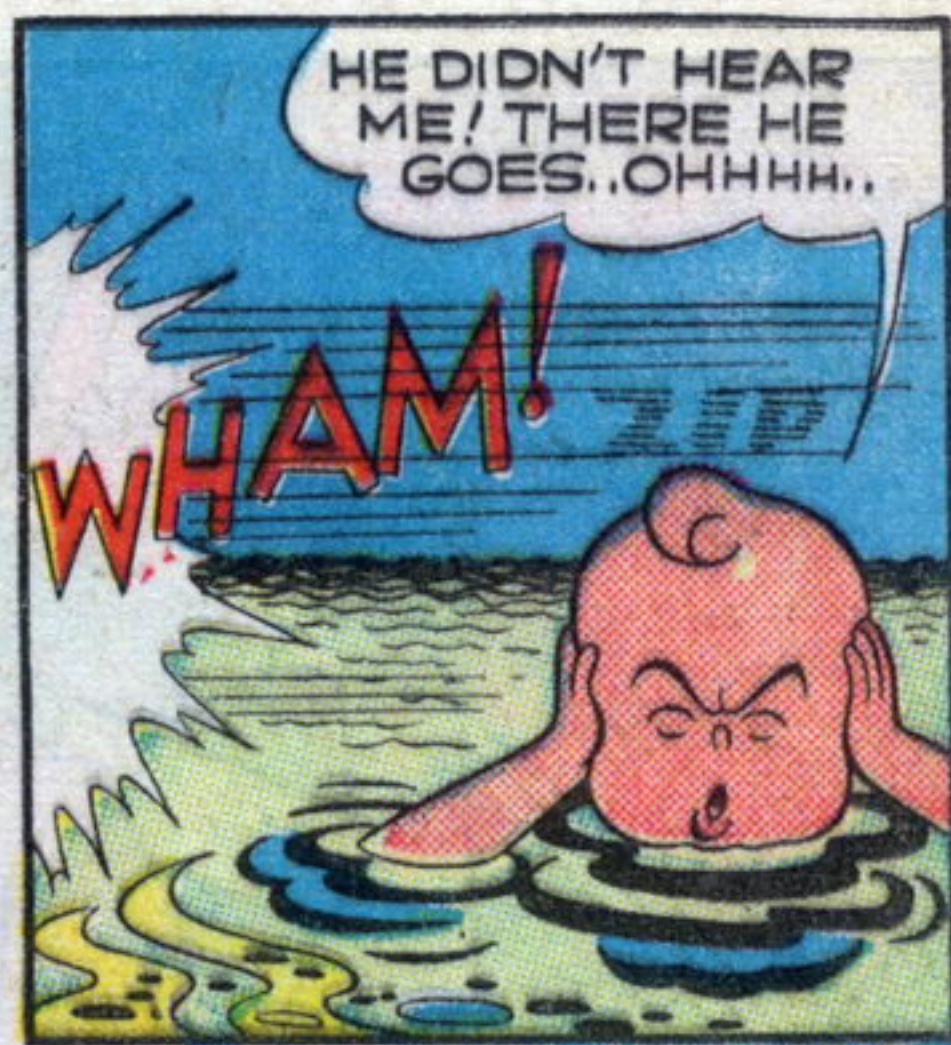
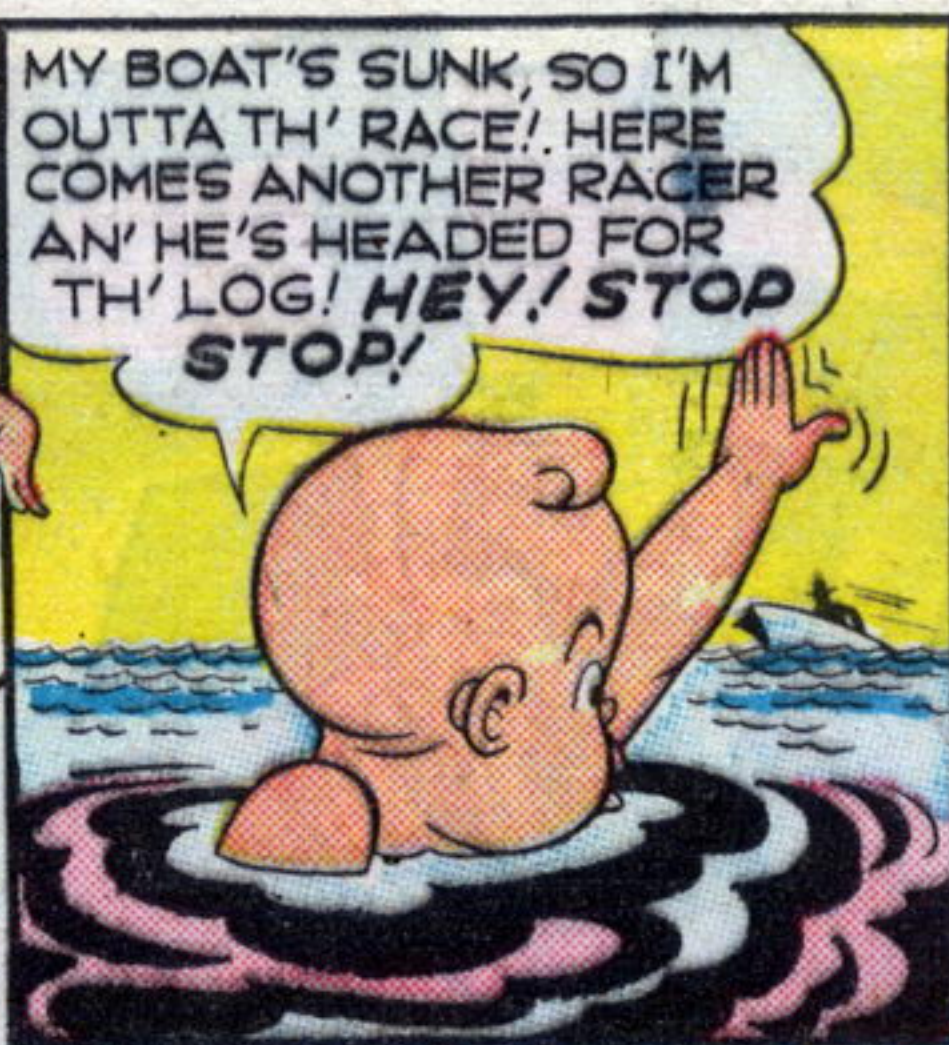
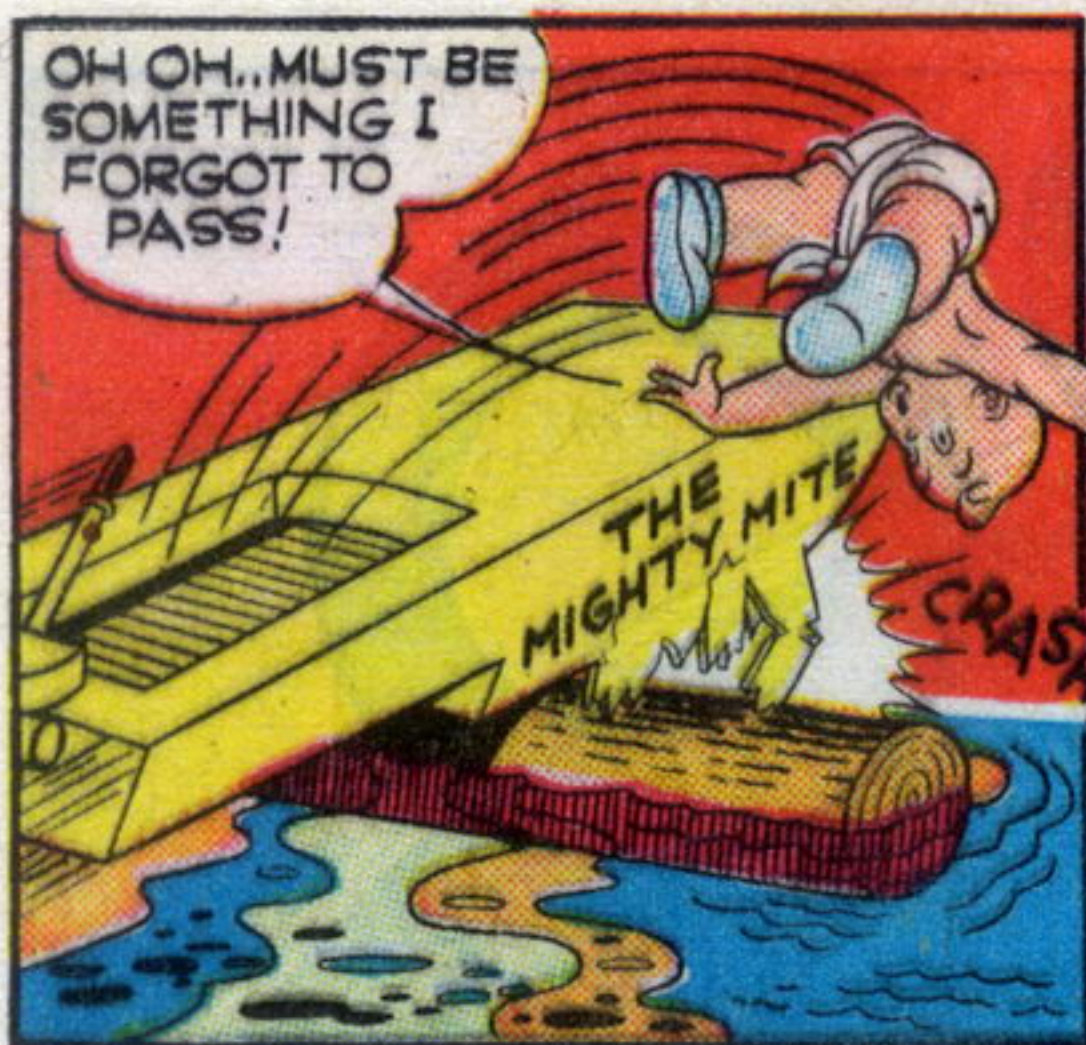
POISON IS TRYING OUT THE OUTBOARD RACING BOAT HE INTENDS TO USE IN THE ANNUAL 100 MILE RACE...



THE NEXT MORNING THE RACE STARTS... BACKWASH LEADS THE WHOLE GROUP.. AFTER ROUNDING THE FIRST TURN, HE STOPS...









# ZERO

## GHOST DETECTIVE

BY  
NOEL  
FOWLER



THE SPIRIT OF DOOM  
STALKS THE HIGHWAYS,  
CASTING TERROR  
AND DESTRUCTION  
UPON ALL WHO PASS.  
BUT ALONE, ZERO  
TRAVELS THIS  
ROAD TO MEET  
DEATH, FACE  
TO FACE.

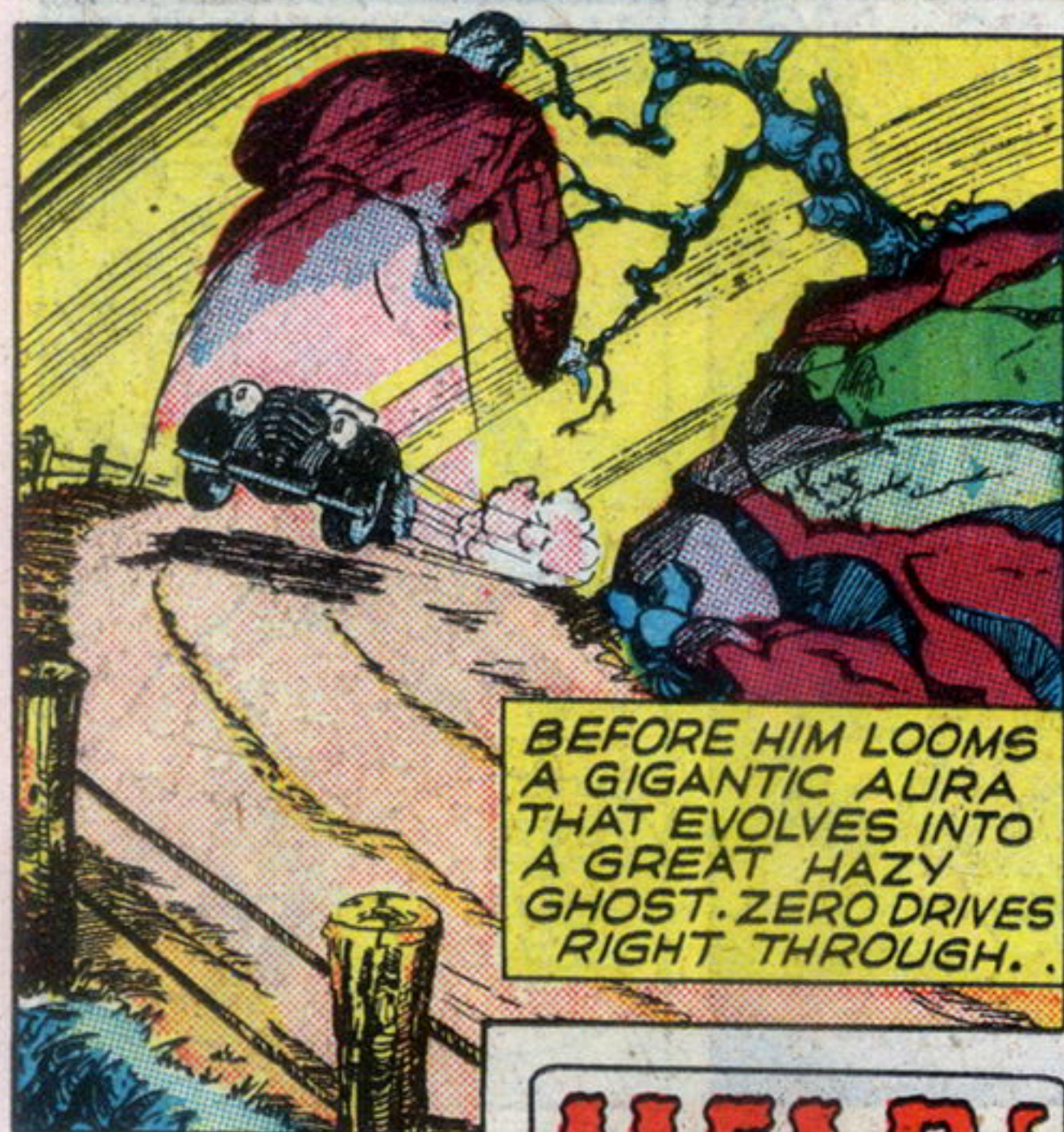
THE GHOST DETECTIVE DRIVES  
UP A NARROW MOUNTAIN  
ROAD ONE NIGHT.



AT THE FIRST STATION, ZERO  
PULLS UP TO ASK DIRECTIONS.



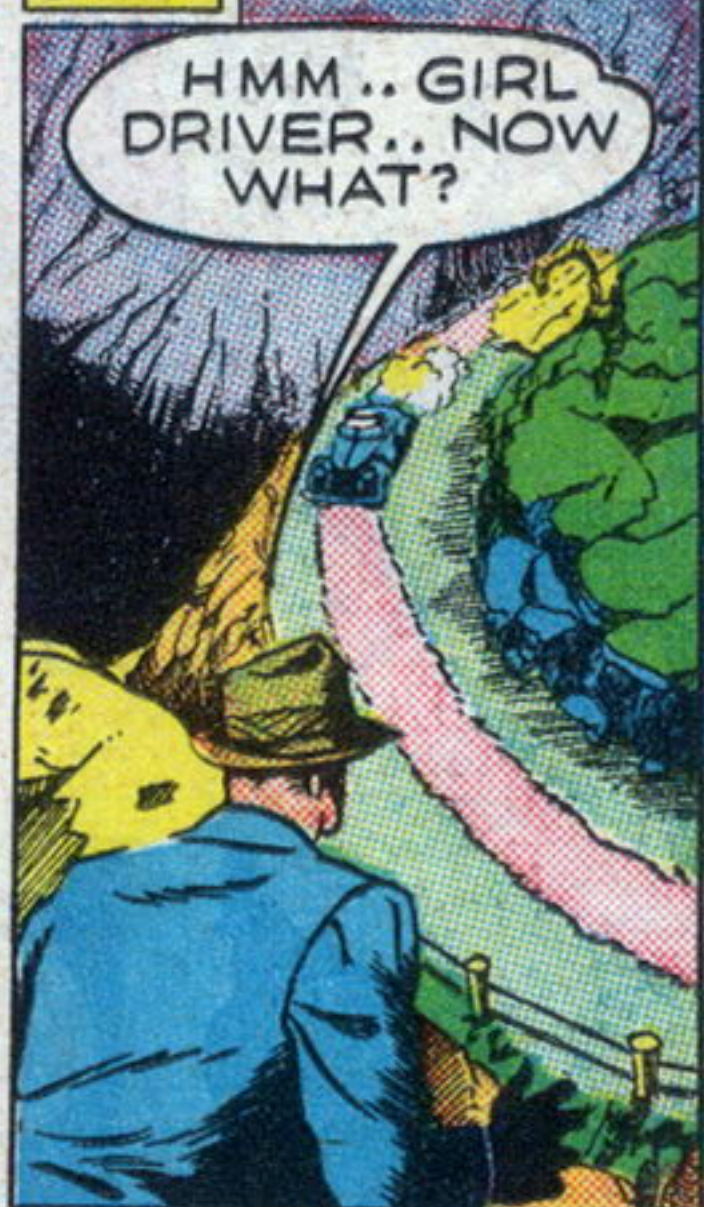




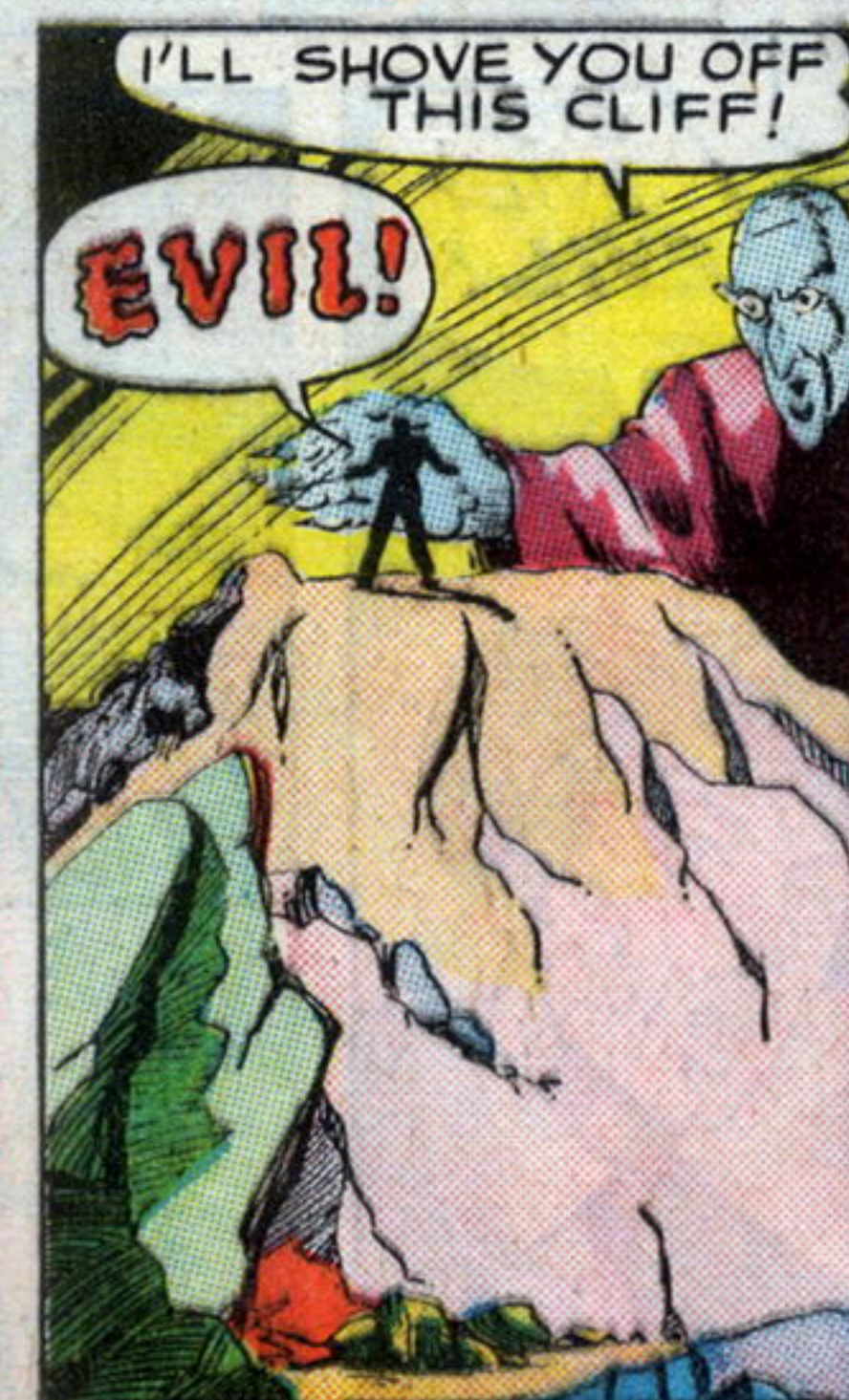
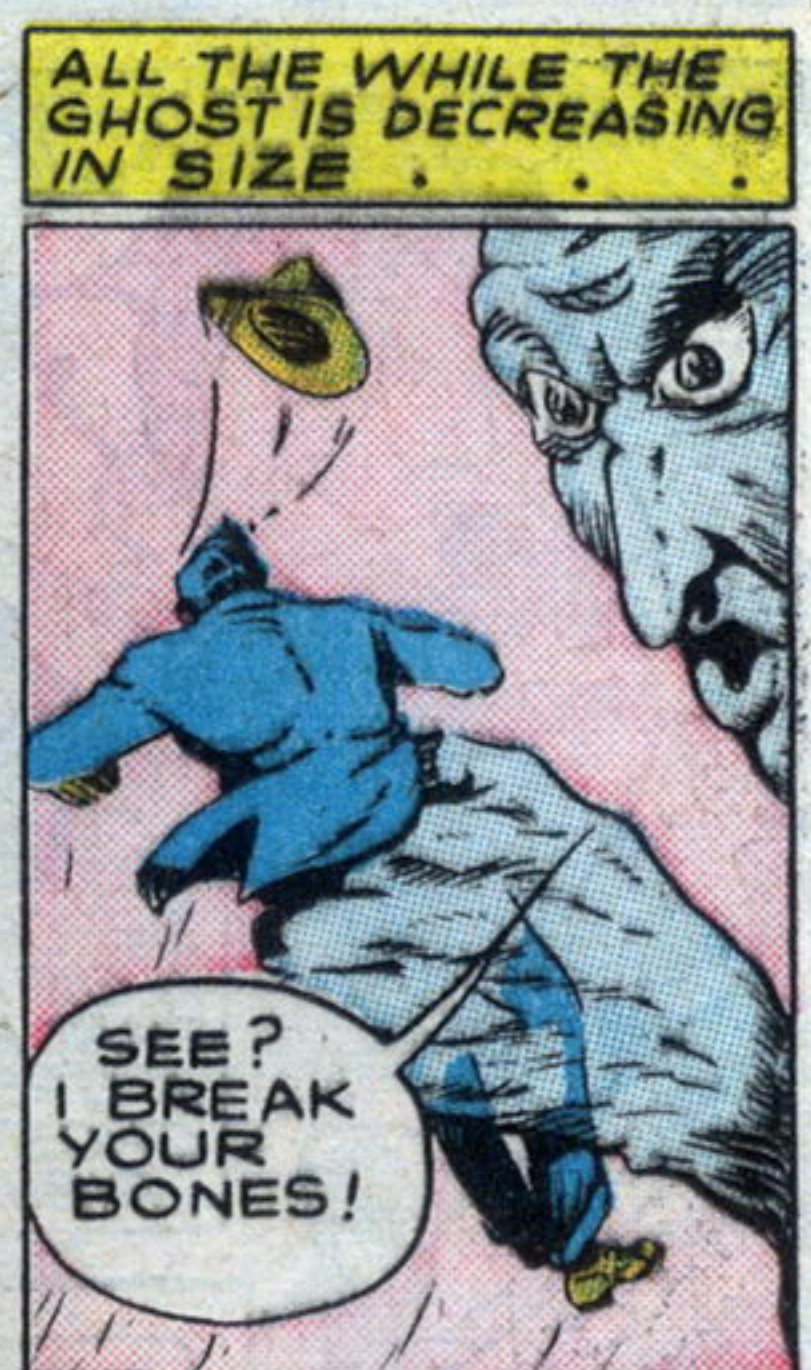
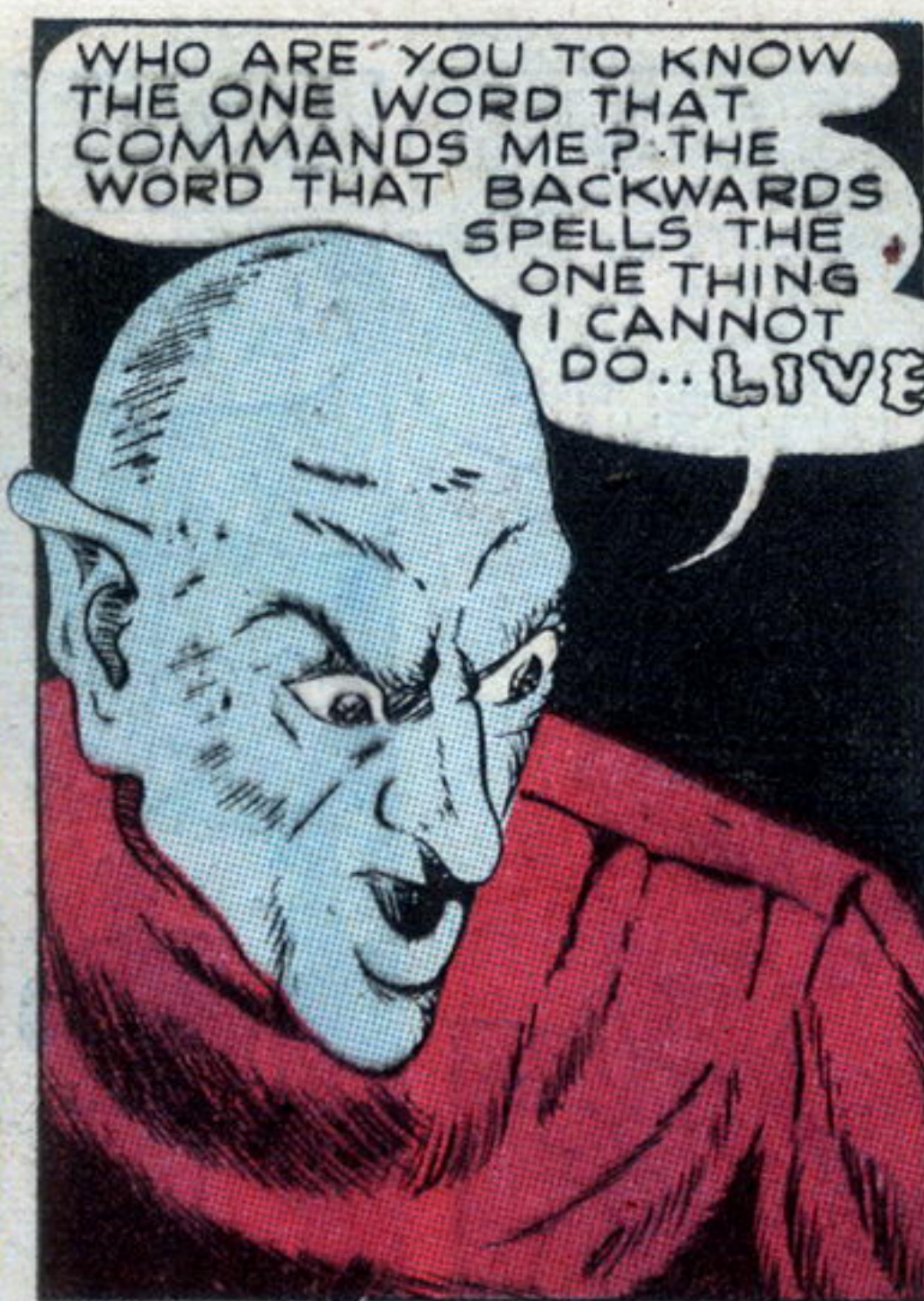
STOPPING, HE CLIMBS JAGGED ROCKS THAT FRINGE THE ROAD.



AROUND THE BEND COMES ANOTHER CAR.









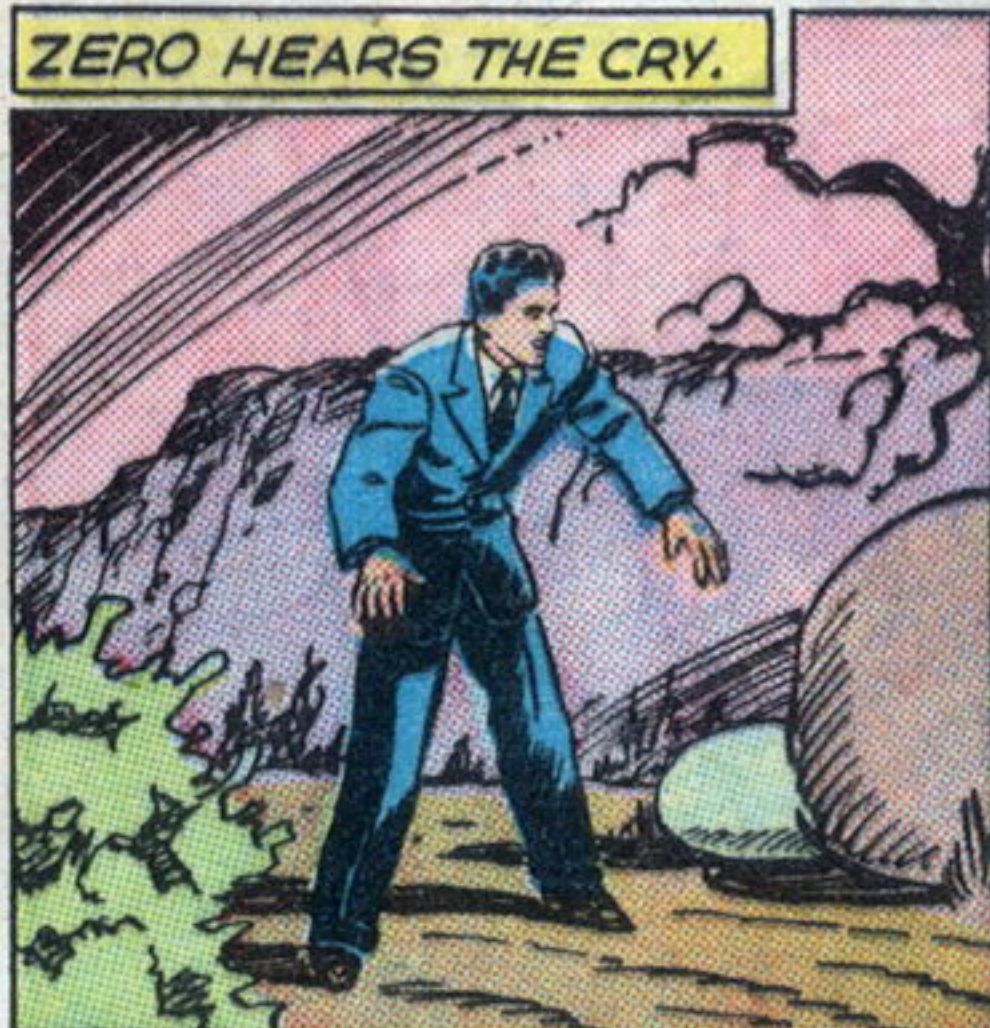
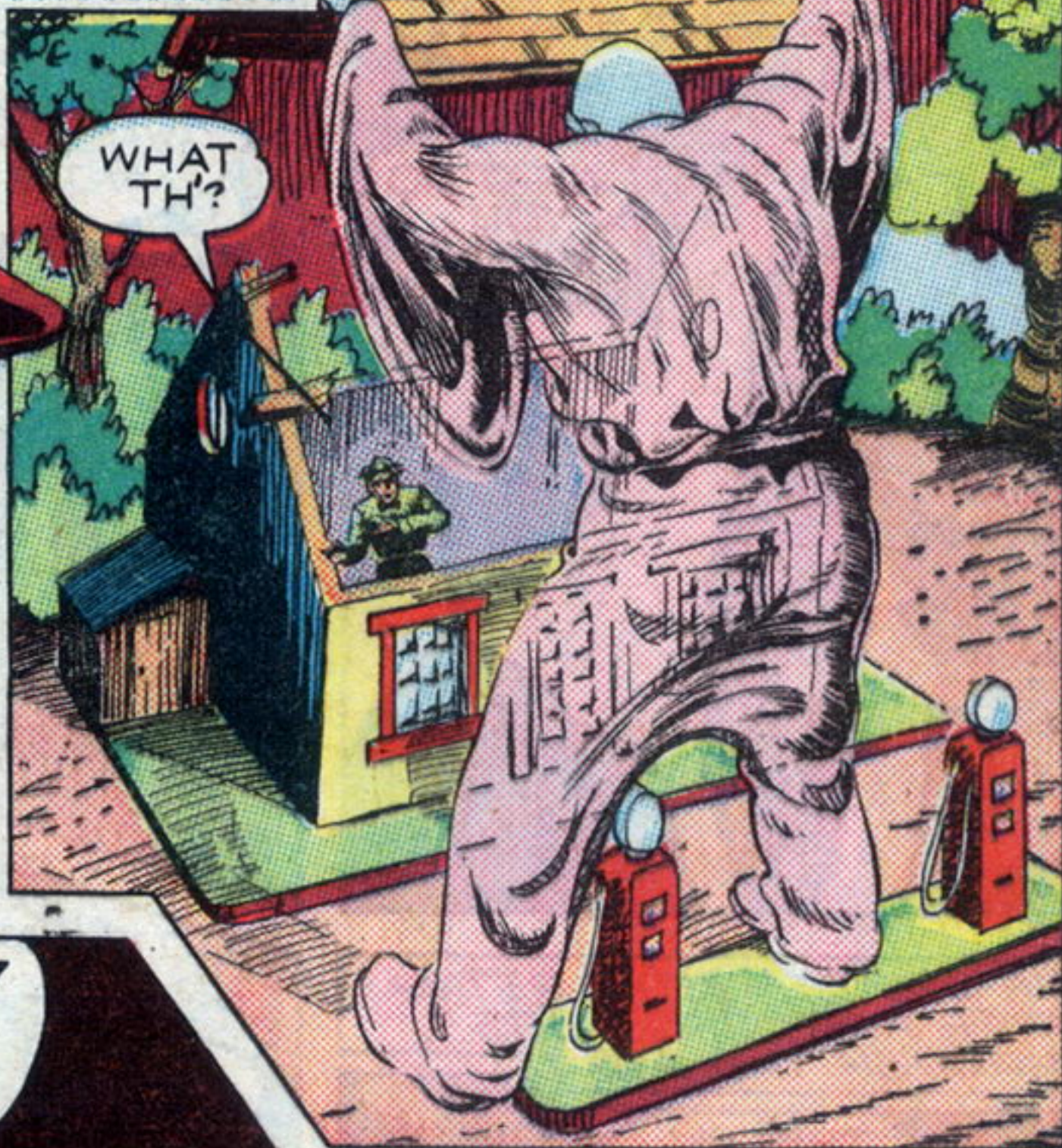
THE GREAT PHANTOM SCURRIES OVER THE HILLS . . .



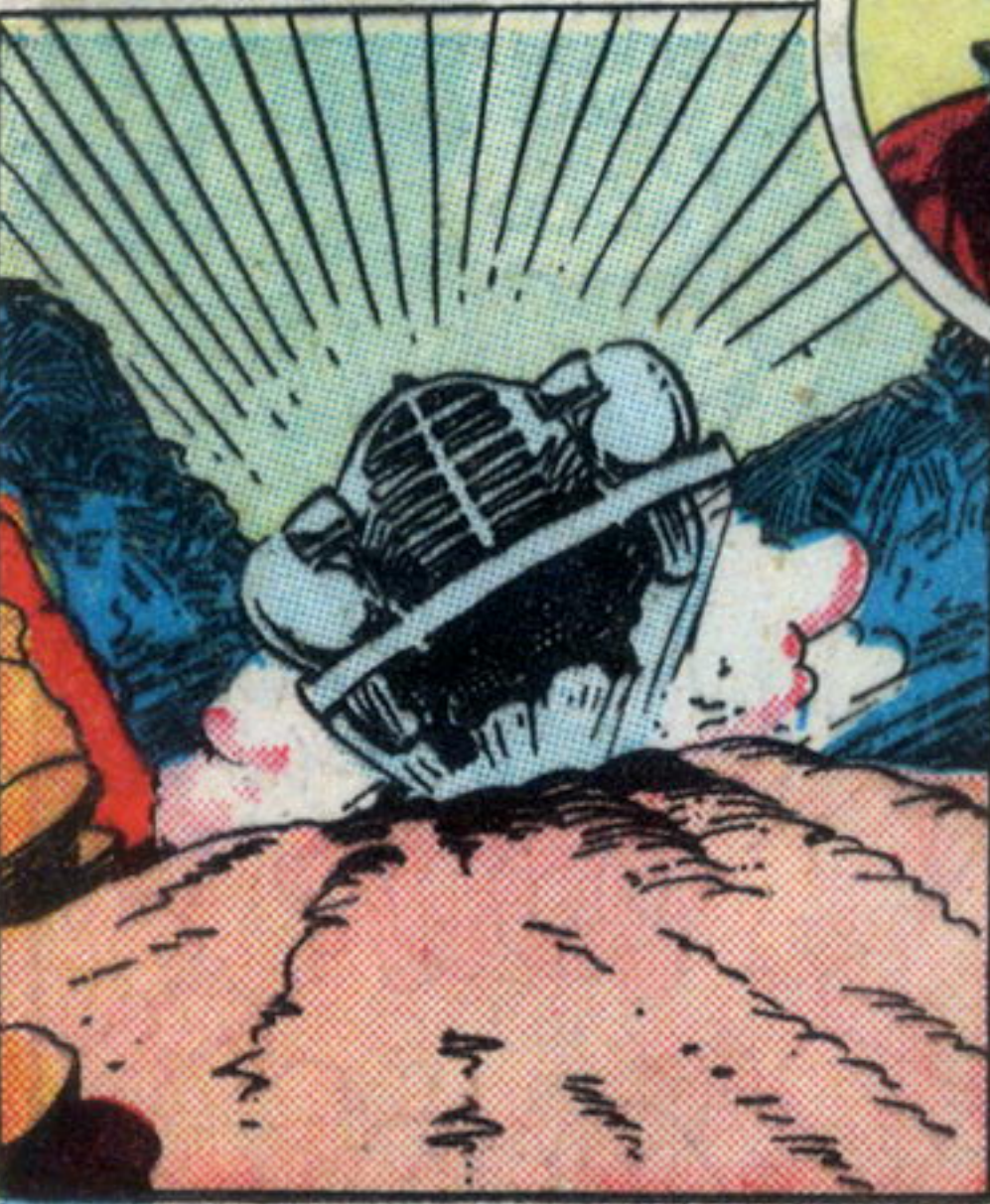
HE RACES TO THE SAME GAS STATION WHERE ZERO HAD STOPPED BEFORE.



AND RIPS THE ROOF RIGHT OFF THE HOUSE.



HE TEARS TOWARD THE GAS STATION AT TOP SPEED.



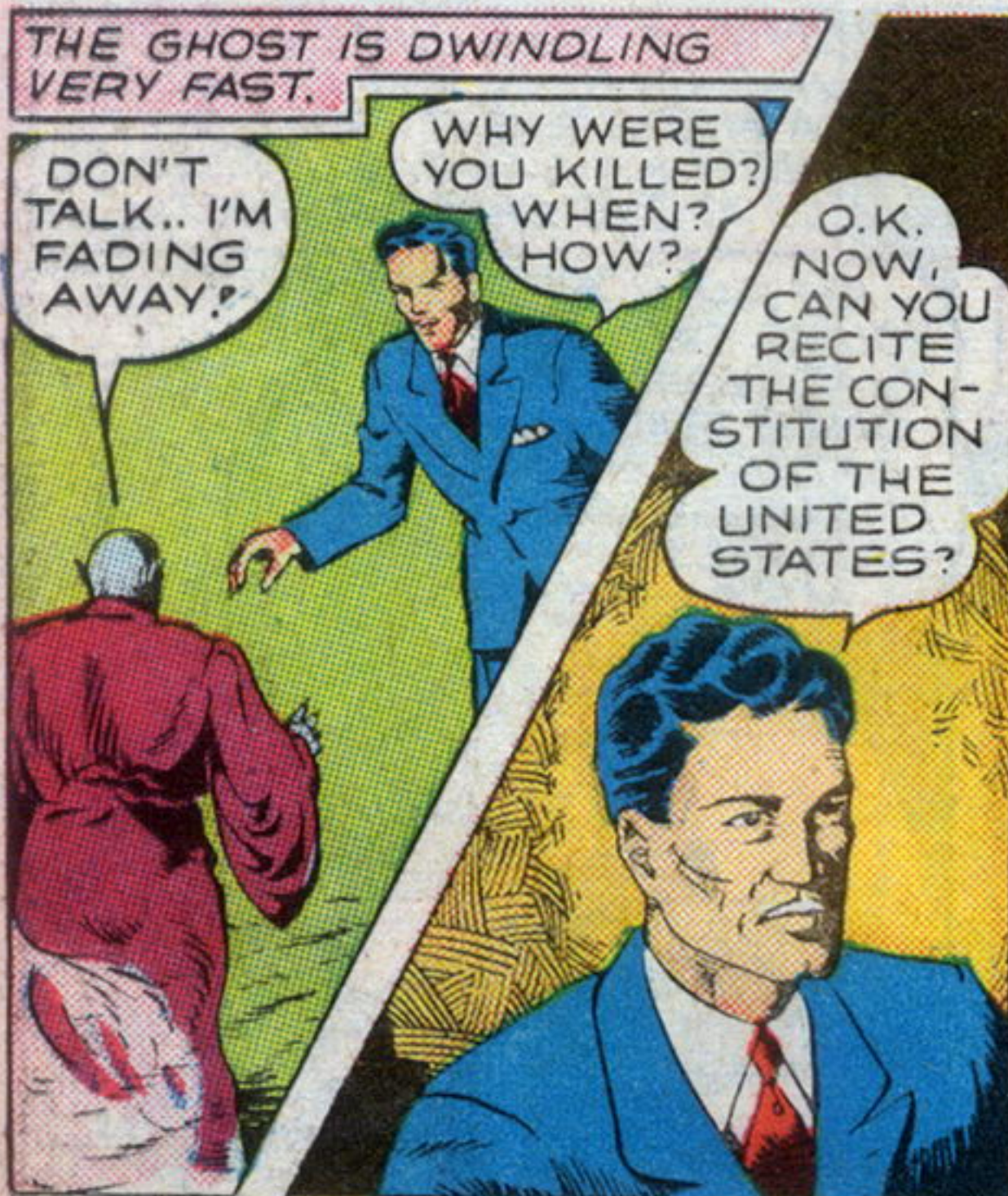
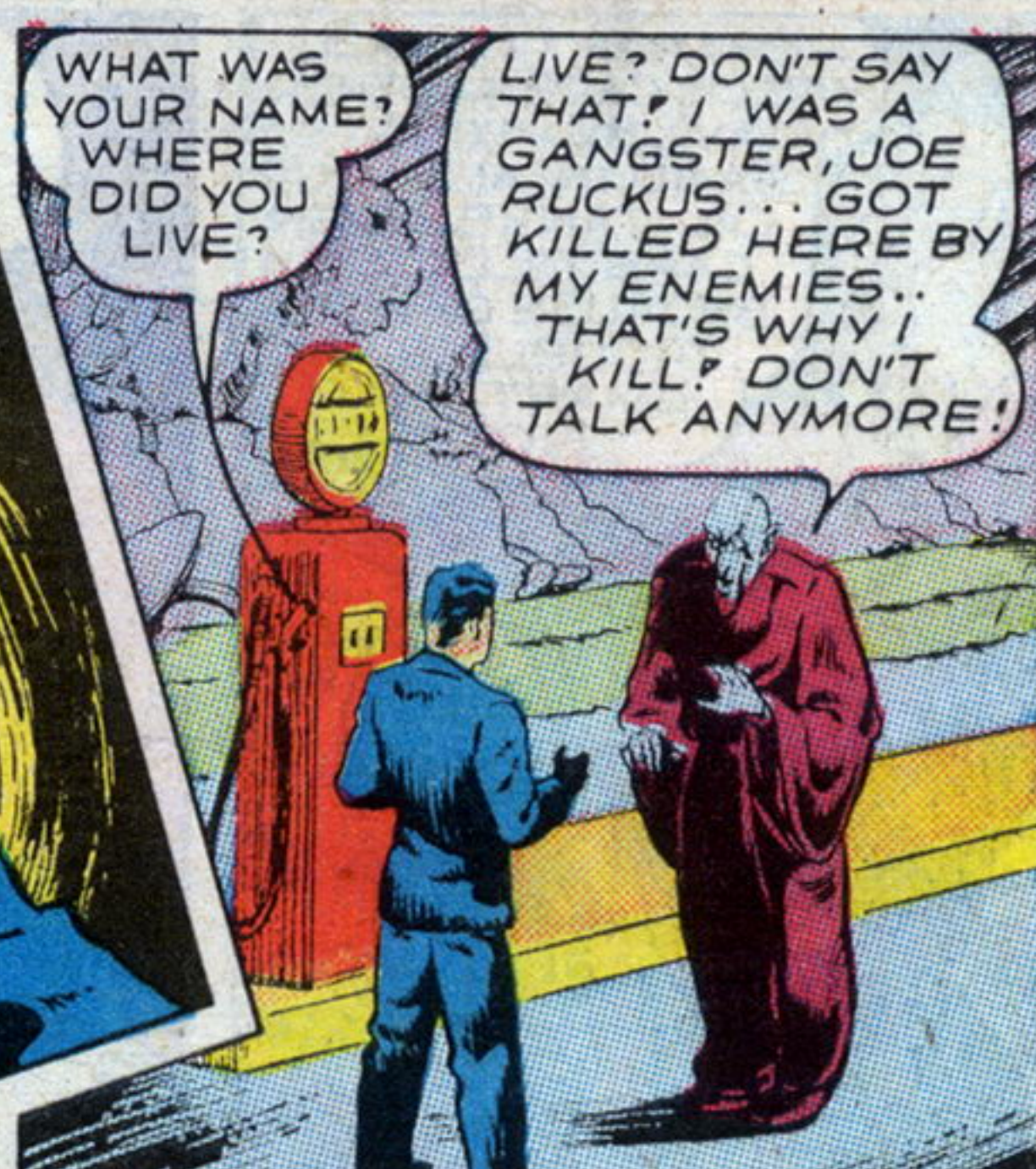
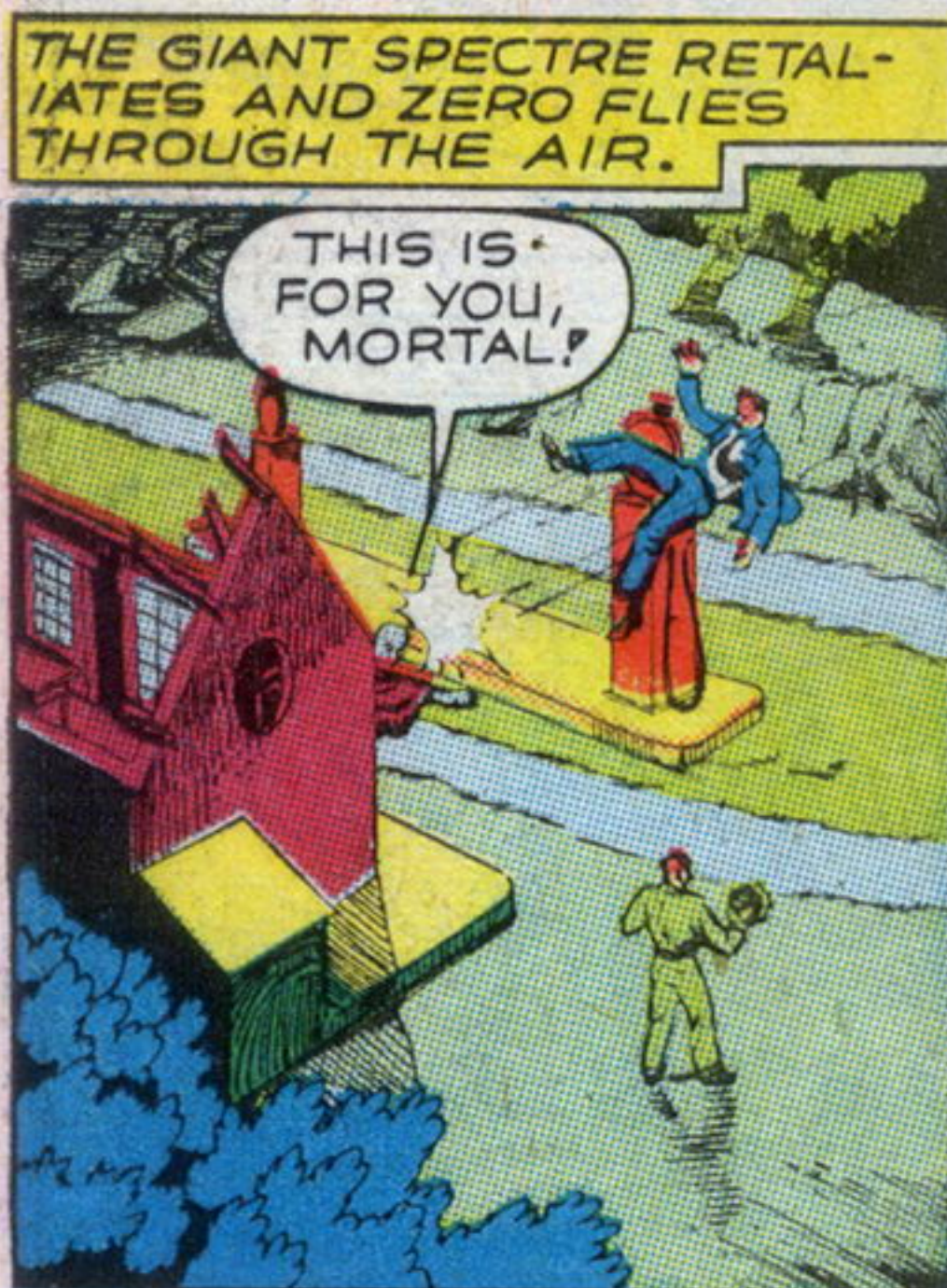
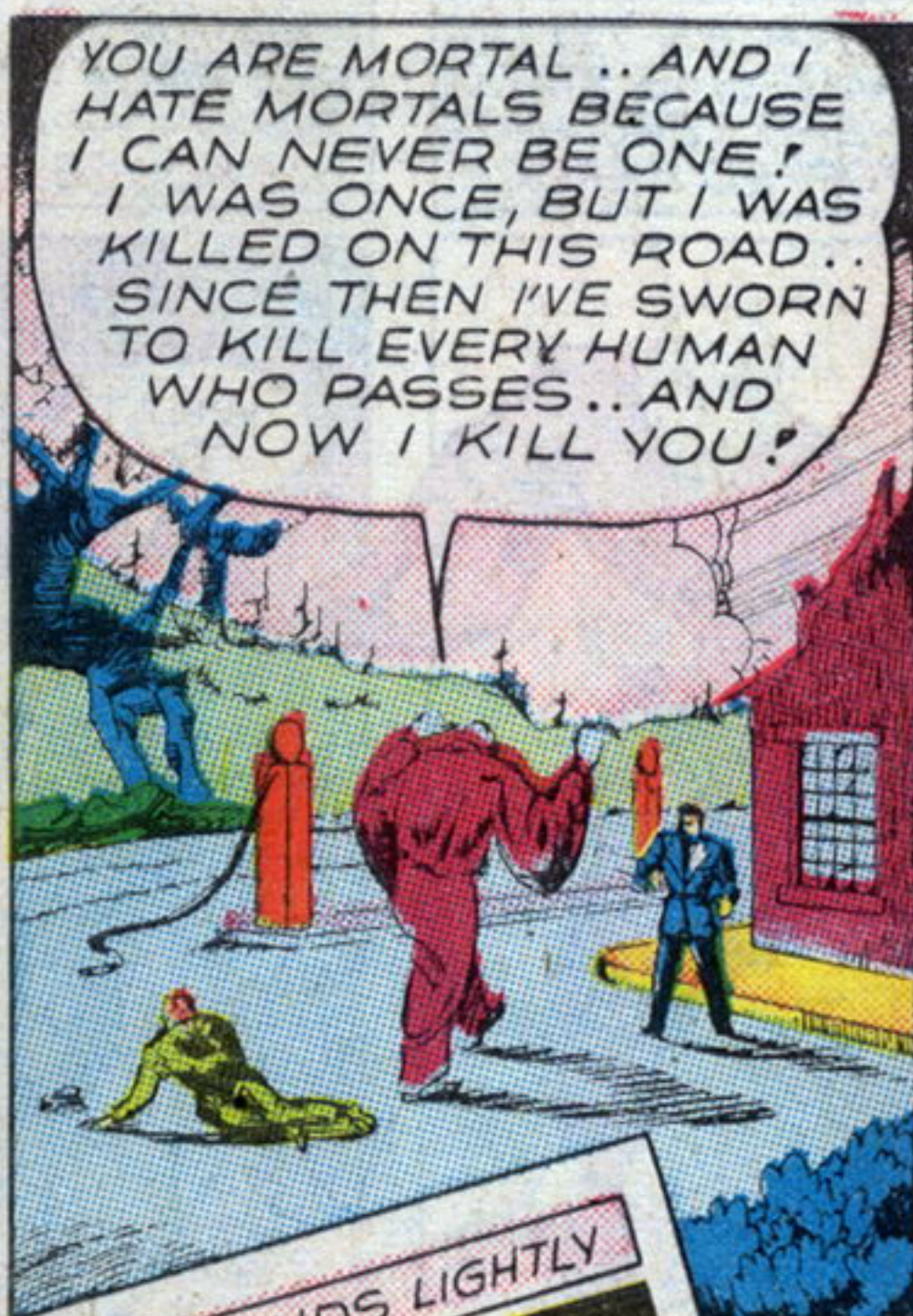
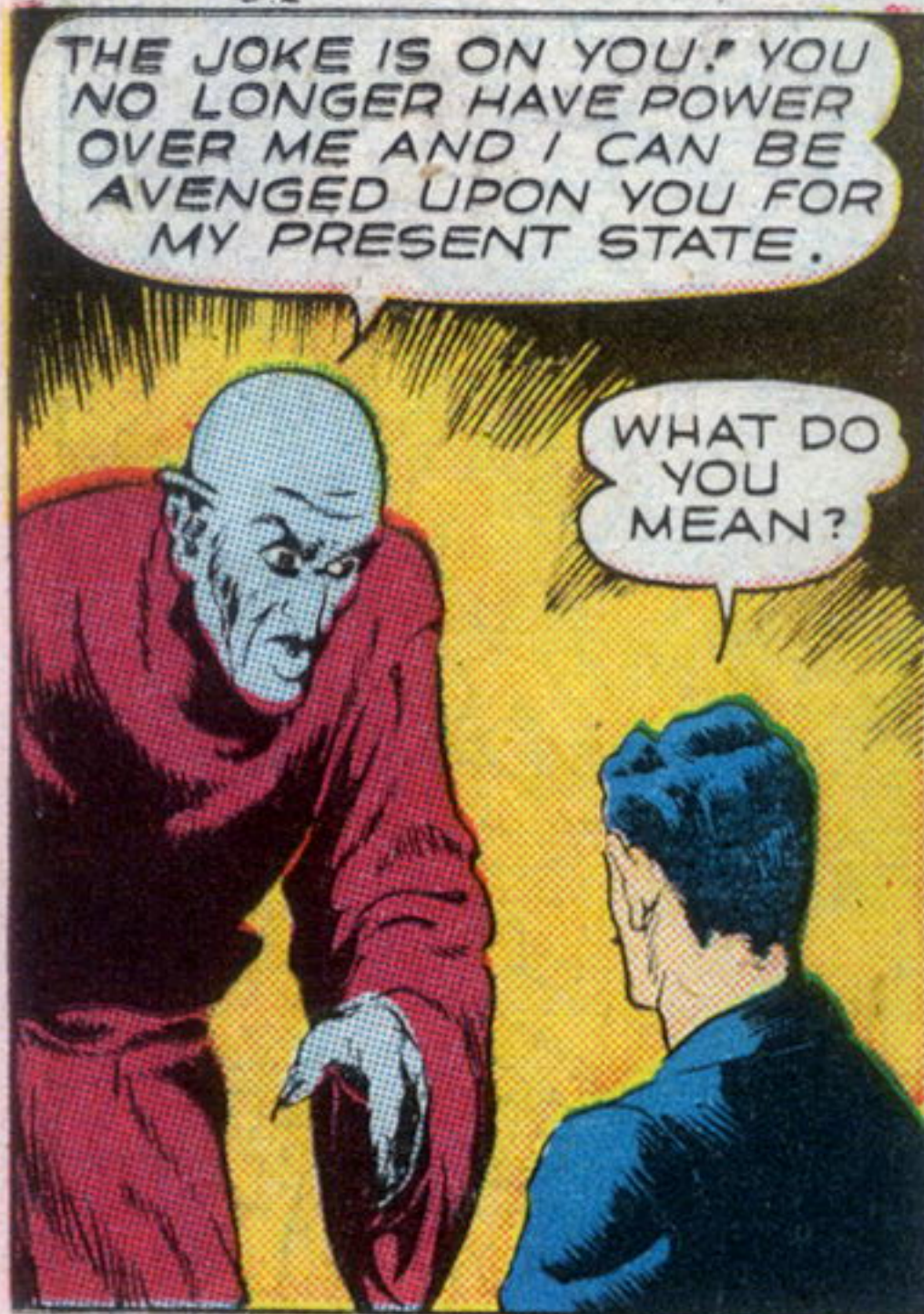
YOU!



BY THIS TIME, HUMAN CONTACT HAS SHRUNK THE GHOST TO A MERE EIGHT FEET, BUT NOW HE LAUGHS UPROARIOUSLY AT THE GHOST DETECTIVE.







More mysterious deeds of Zero, Ghost Detective, in the September issue of **FEATURE COMICS**.



# SAMAR

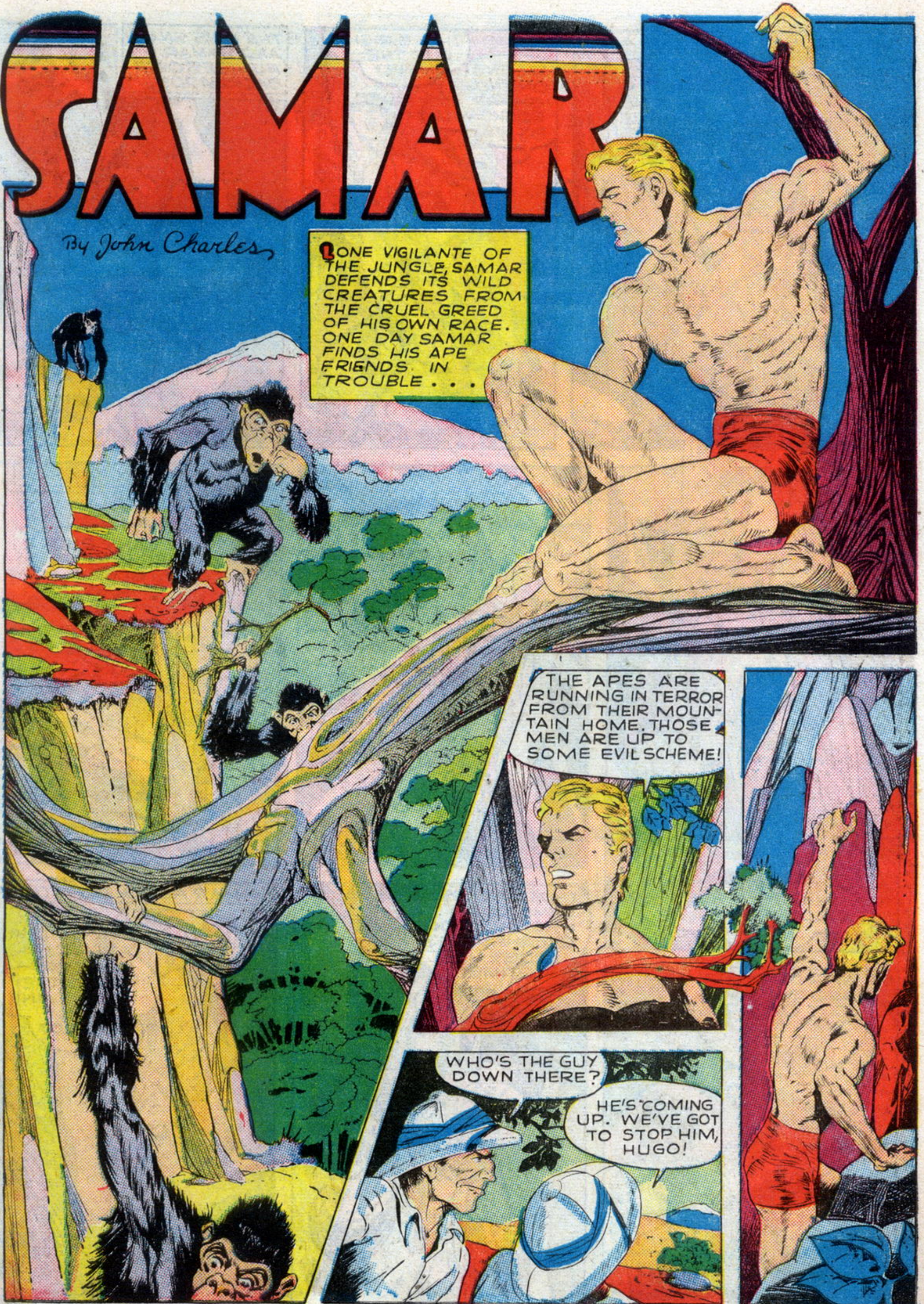
By John Charles

ONE VIGILANTE OF THE JUNGLE, SAMAR DEFENDS ITS WILD CREATURES FROM THE CRUEL GREED OF HIS OWN RACE. ONE DAY SAMAR FINDS HIS APE FRIENDS IN TROUBLE . . .

THE APES ARE RUNNING IN TERROR FROM THEIR MOUNTAIN HOME. THOSE MEN ARE UP TO SOME EVIL SCHEME!

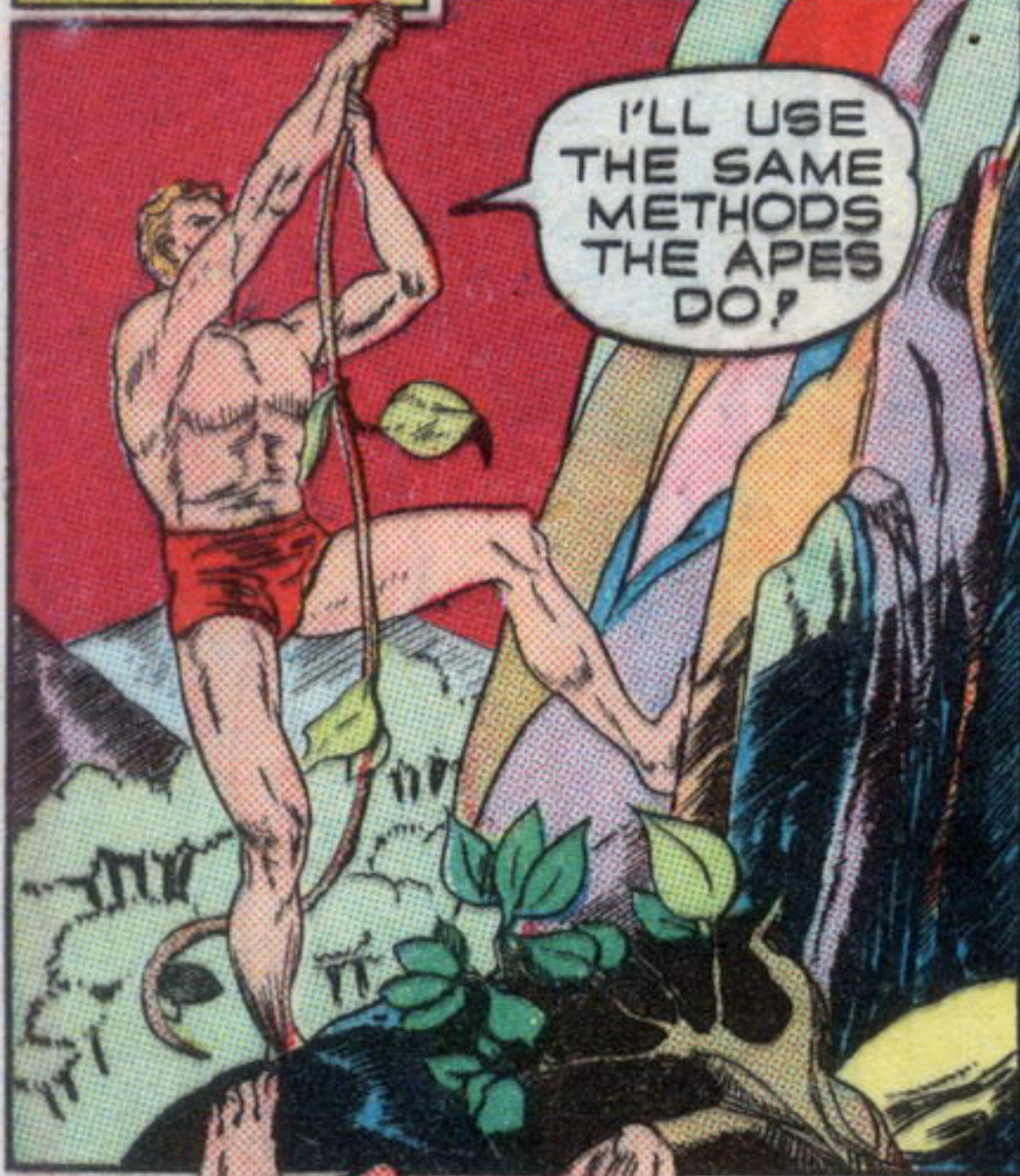
WHO'S THE GUY DOWN THERE?

HE'S COMING UP. WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM, HUGO!





SAMAR CLIMBS RAPIDLY UP A STOUT VINE.

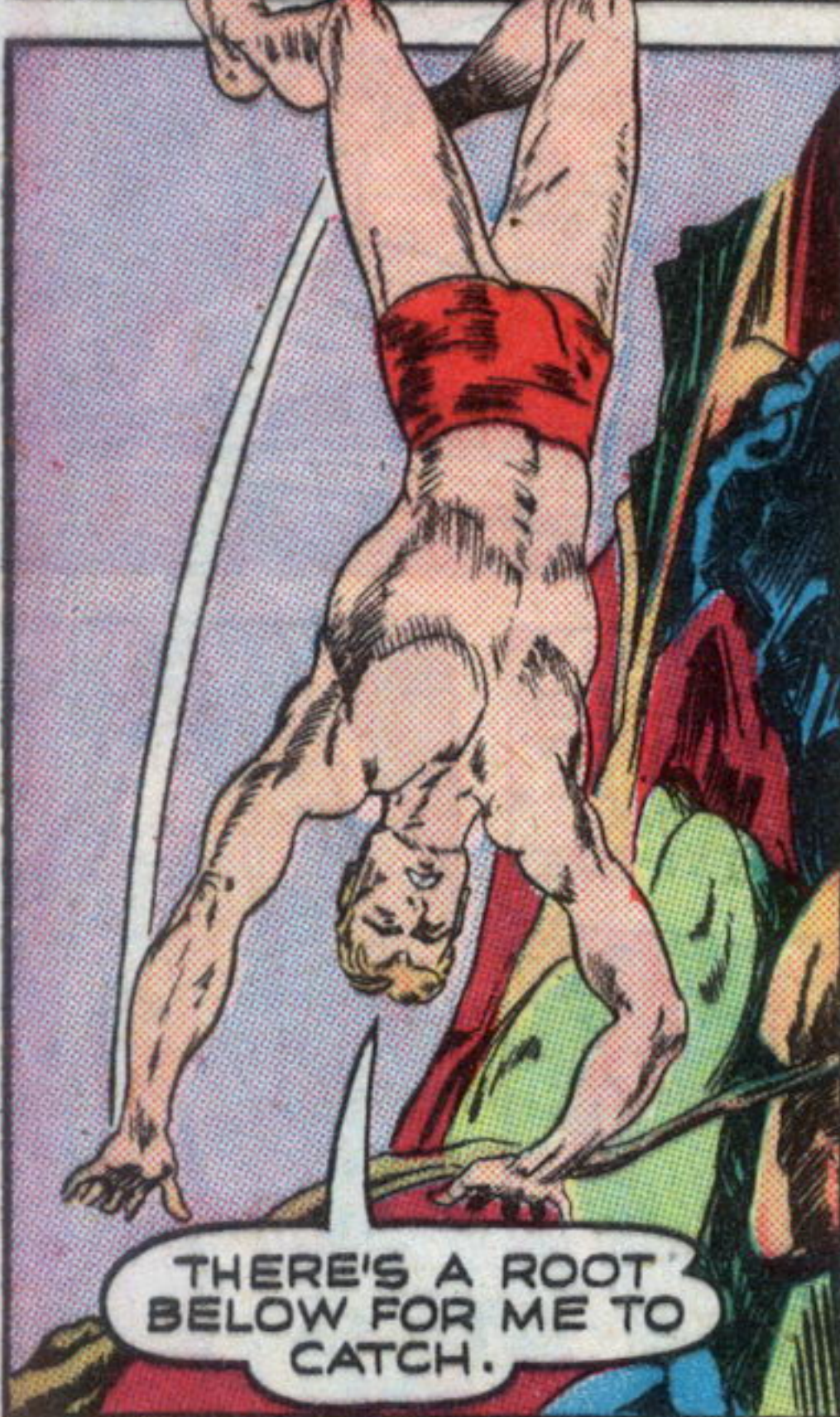
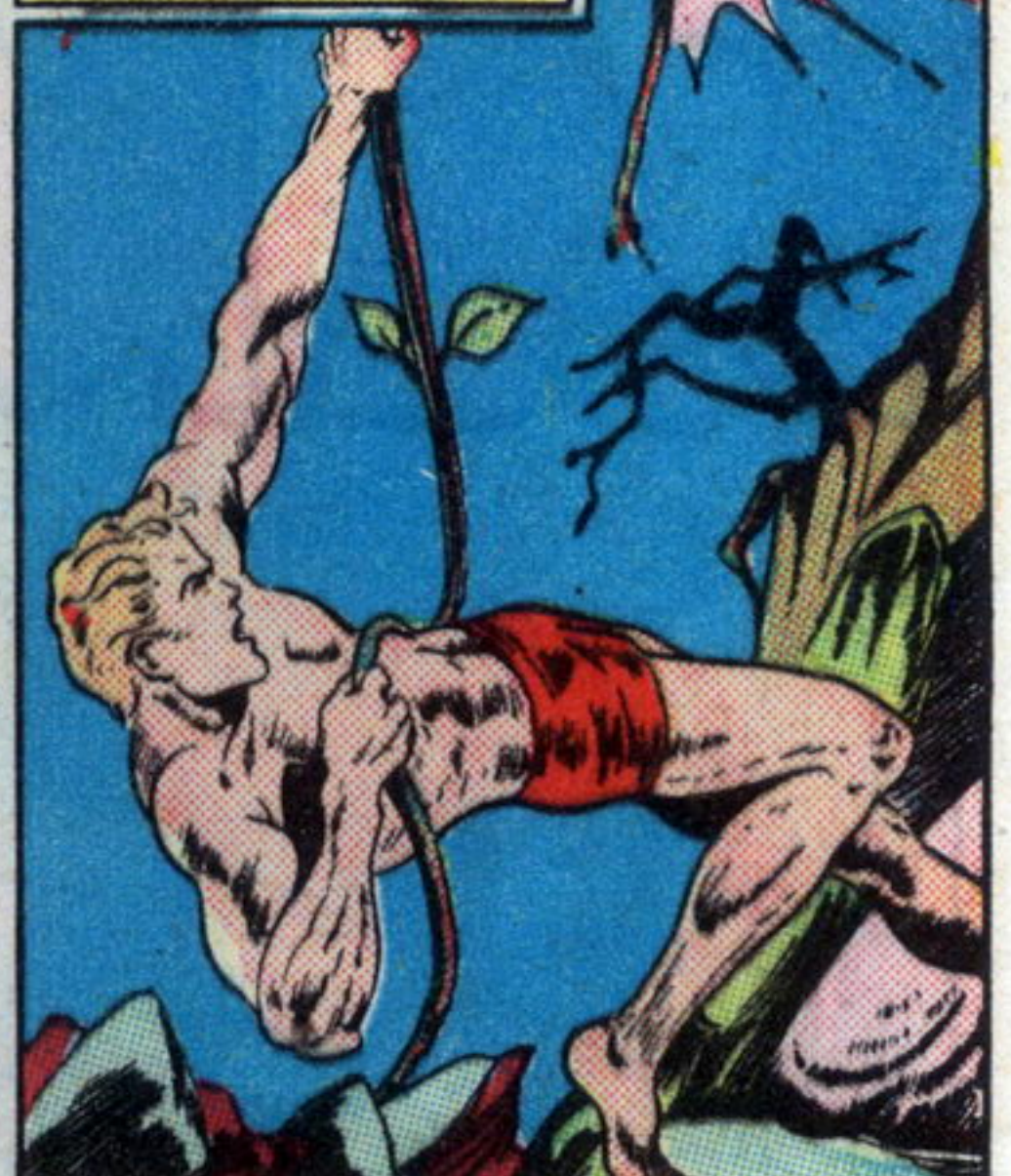


I'LL USE THE SAME METHODS THE APES DO!

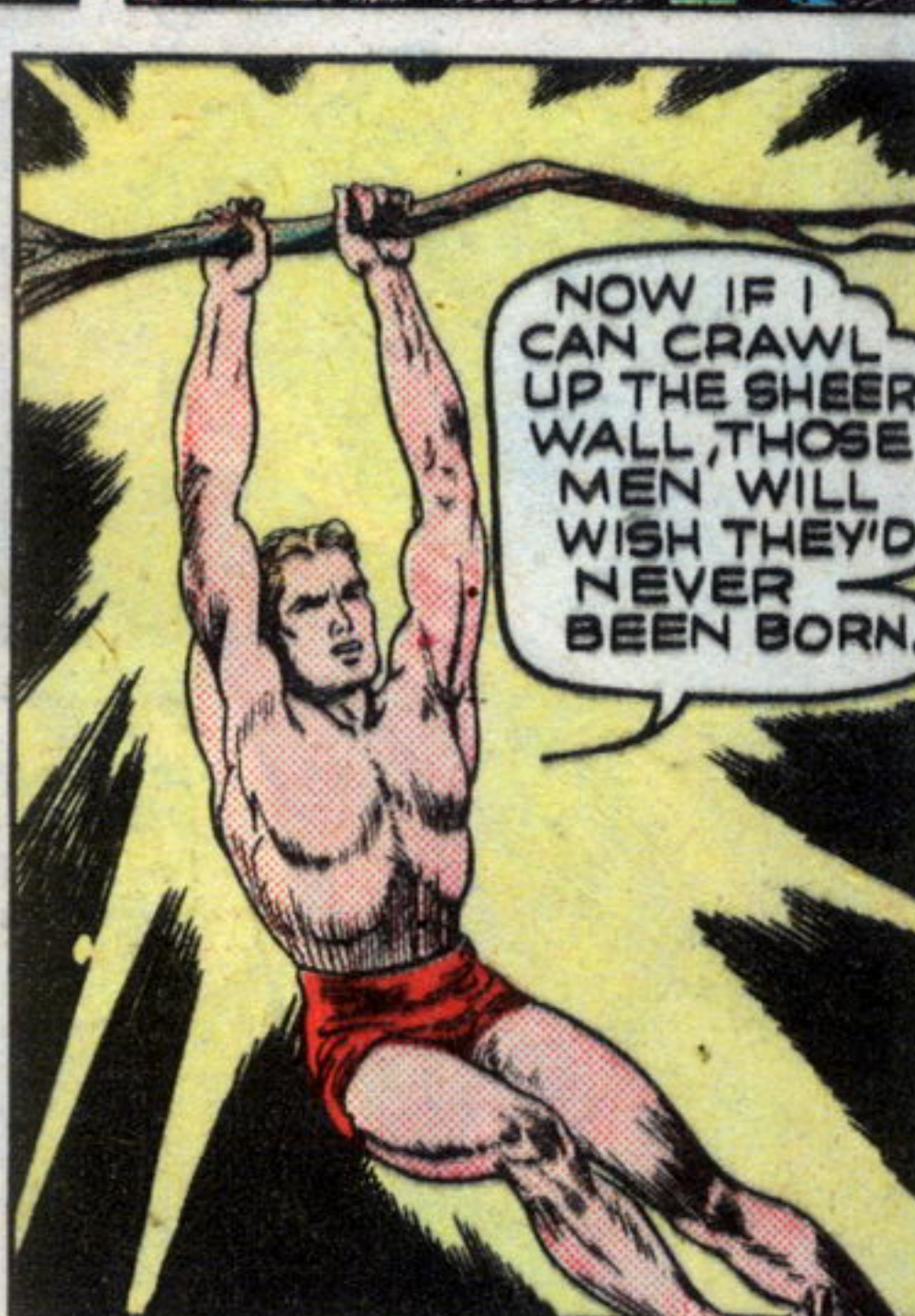


THAT'S RIGHT! CUT THE VINE!  
FALLING ON THOSE SHARP ROCKS WILL FIX HIM.

THE VINE SNAPS AND SAMAR HURTTLES OVER BACKWARDS.



THERE'S A ROOT BELOW FOR ME TO CATCH.

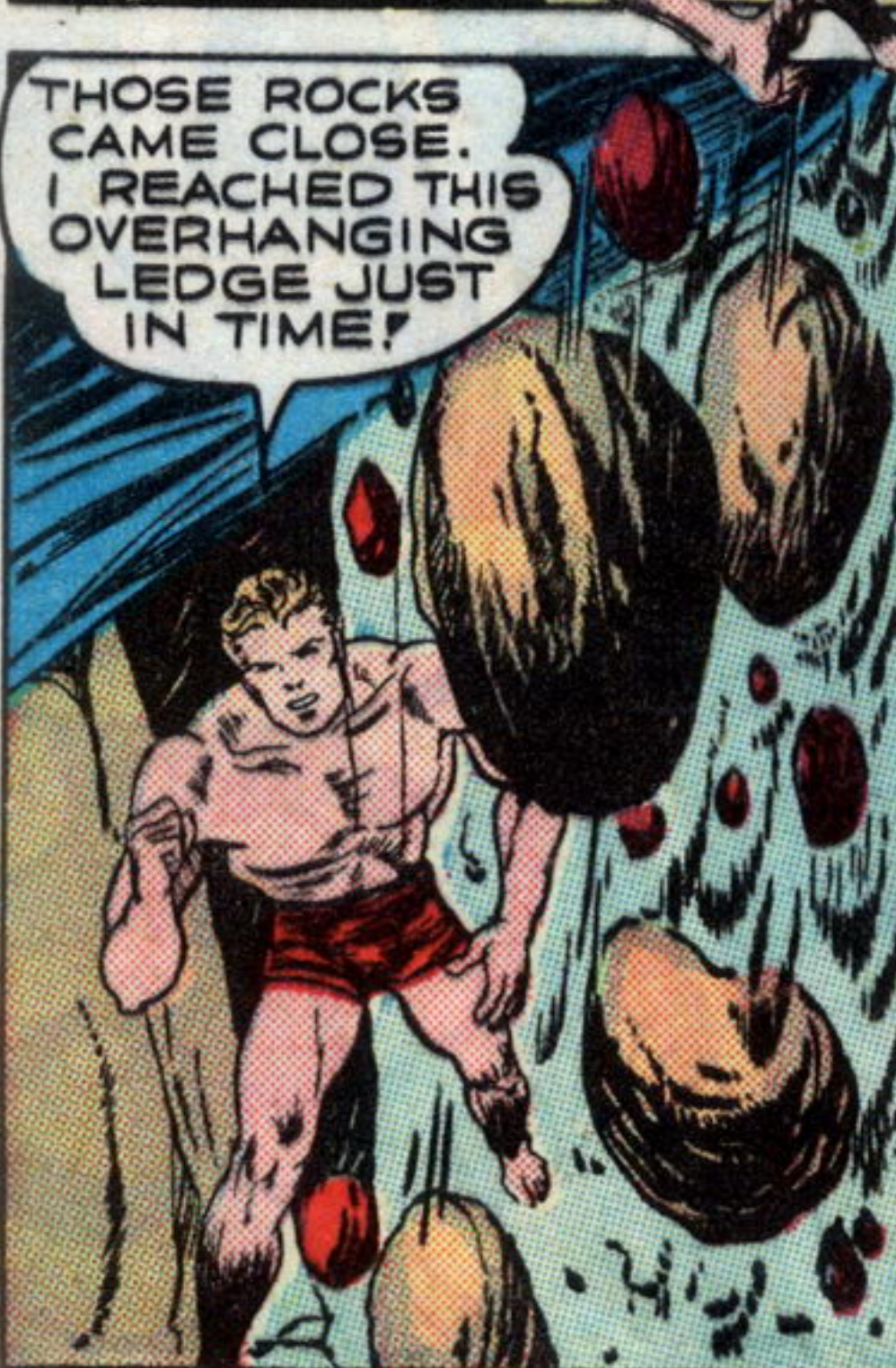


NOW IF I CAN CRAWL UP THE SHEER WALL, THOSE MEN WILL WISH THEY'D NEVER BEEN BORN.



BUT SAMAR'S LUCKY FALL IS OBSERVED.

HE CAN'T DUCK THESE ROCKS, GUS?



THOSE ROCKS CAME CLOSE. I REACHED THIS OVERHANGING LEDGE JUST IN TIME!

SAMAR RESUMES HIS CLIMB.



QUIET UP THERE. THEY MUST THINK I WAS KILLED!



WITH THAT GUY AND THE APES OUT OF OUR WAY, WE CAN GET TO WORK!



WITH AGILE SPEED, HE REACHES THE CREST.



HIS KEEN EYES PROVIDE A READY ANSWER.



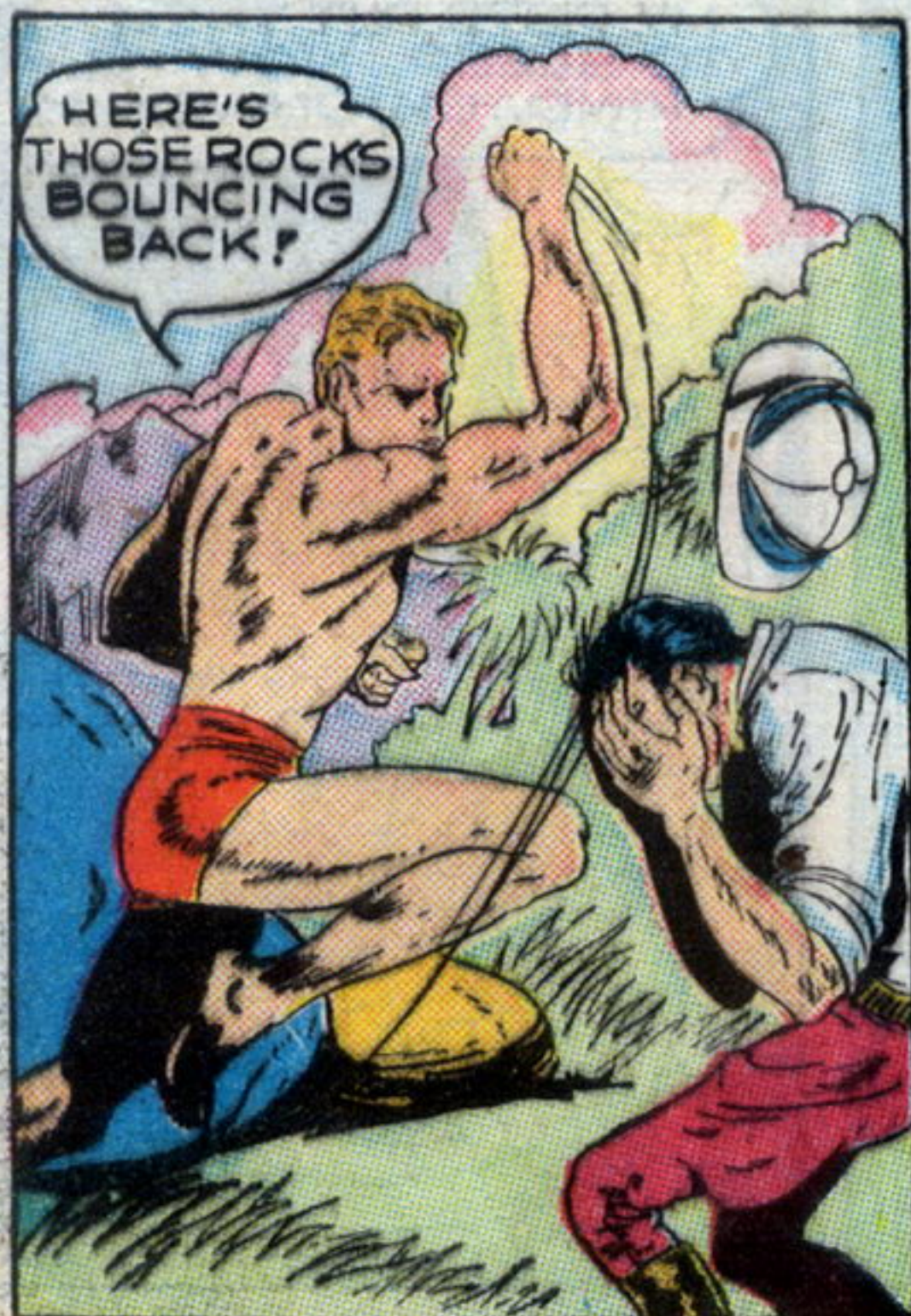
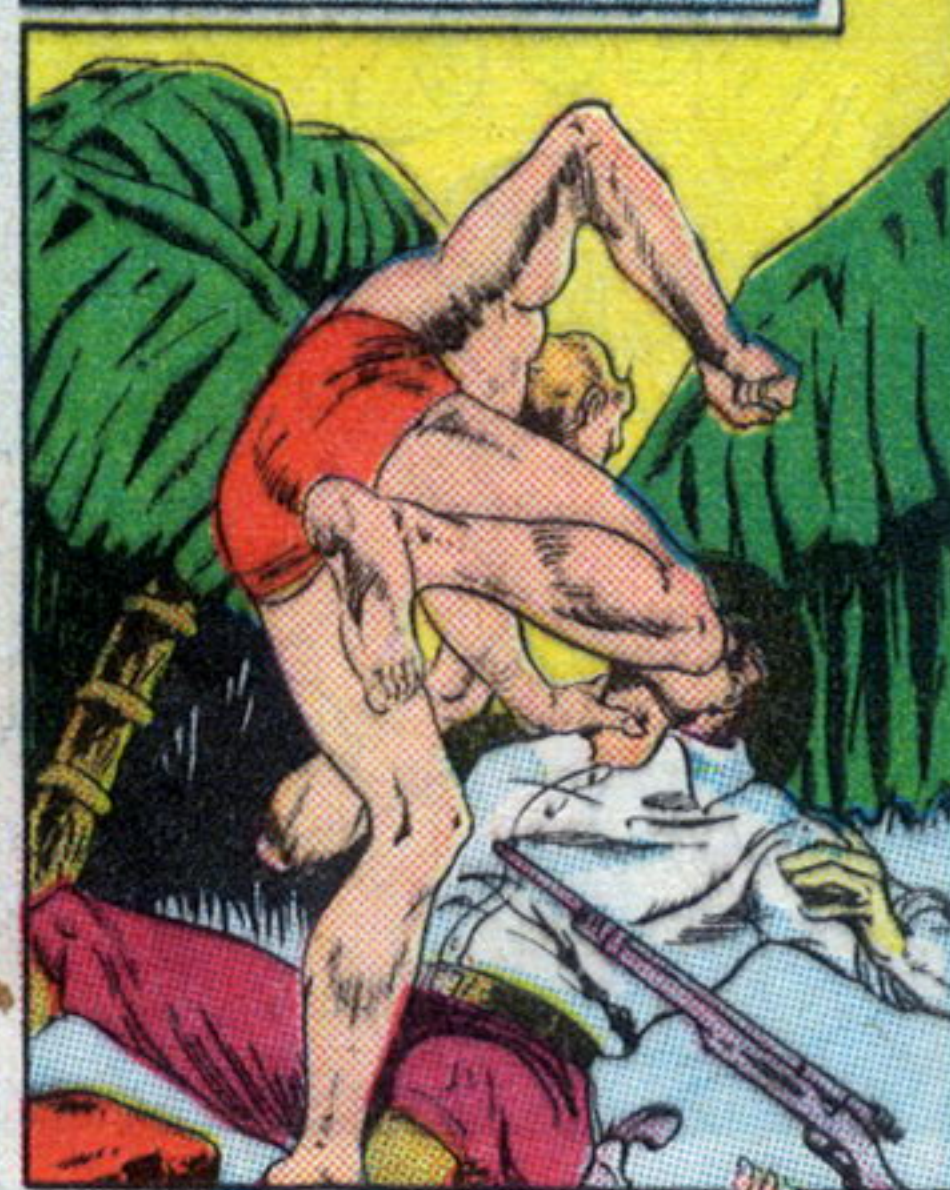
AT THE SIGNS OF DESTRUCTION, SAMAR HALTS. ANGER SEETHES IN HIS BRAIN.



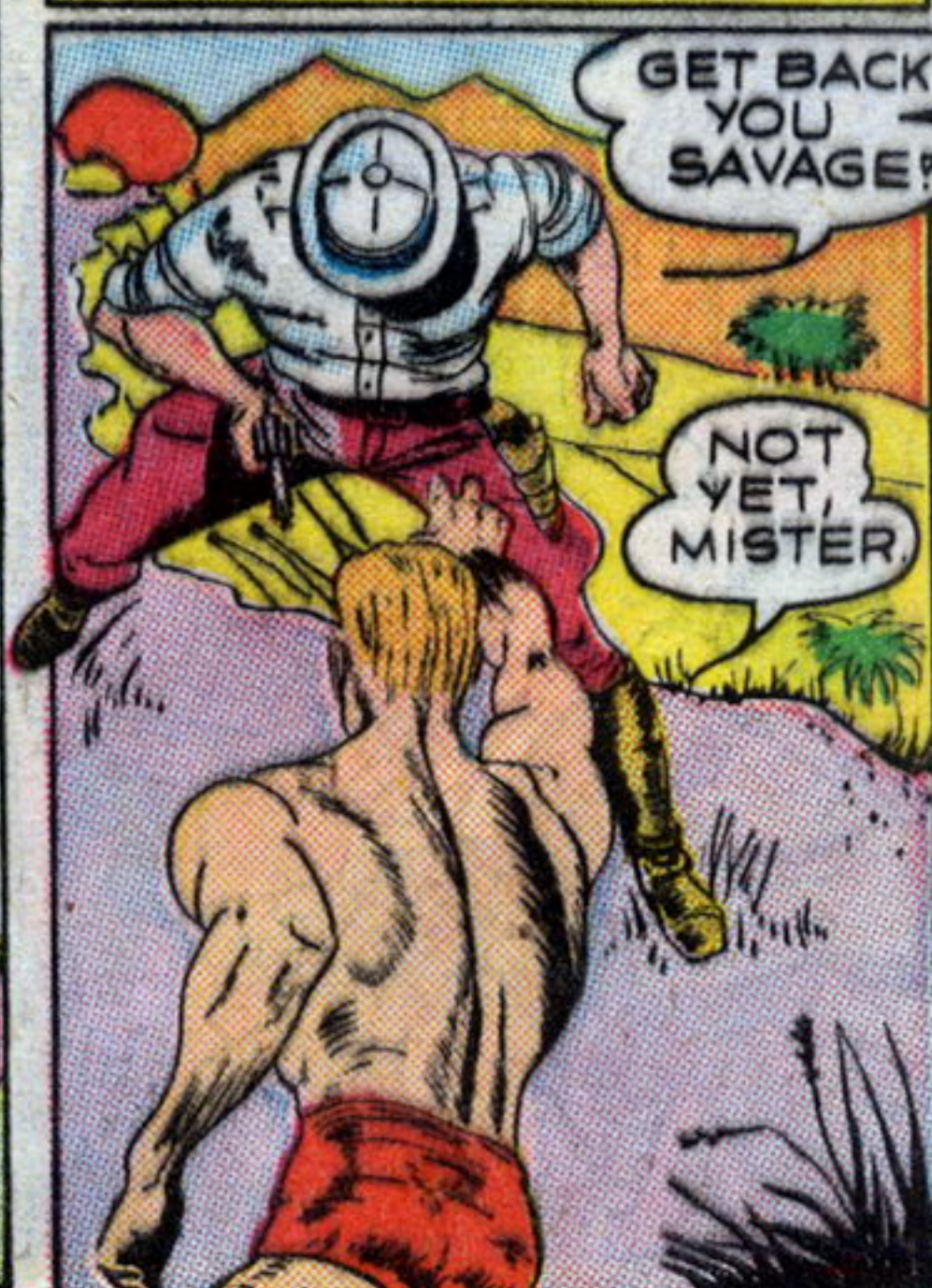
THE MEN ARE UNAWARE OF SAMAR'S STEALTHY APPROACH.



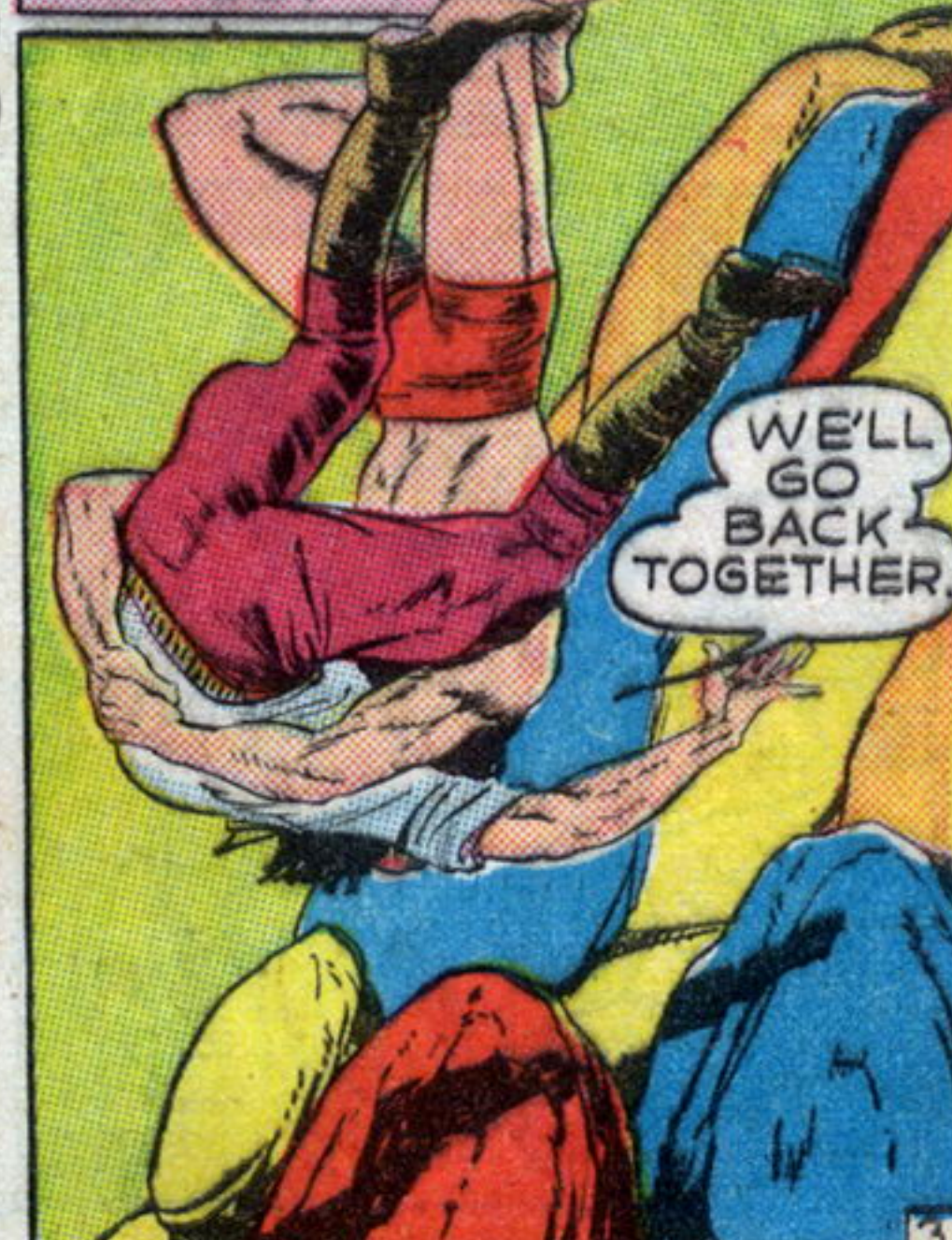
SWIFT AS A LEOPARD, SAMAR SPRINGS.



BUT HUGO FIRES BEFORE SAMAR IS UPON HIM.

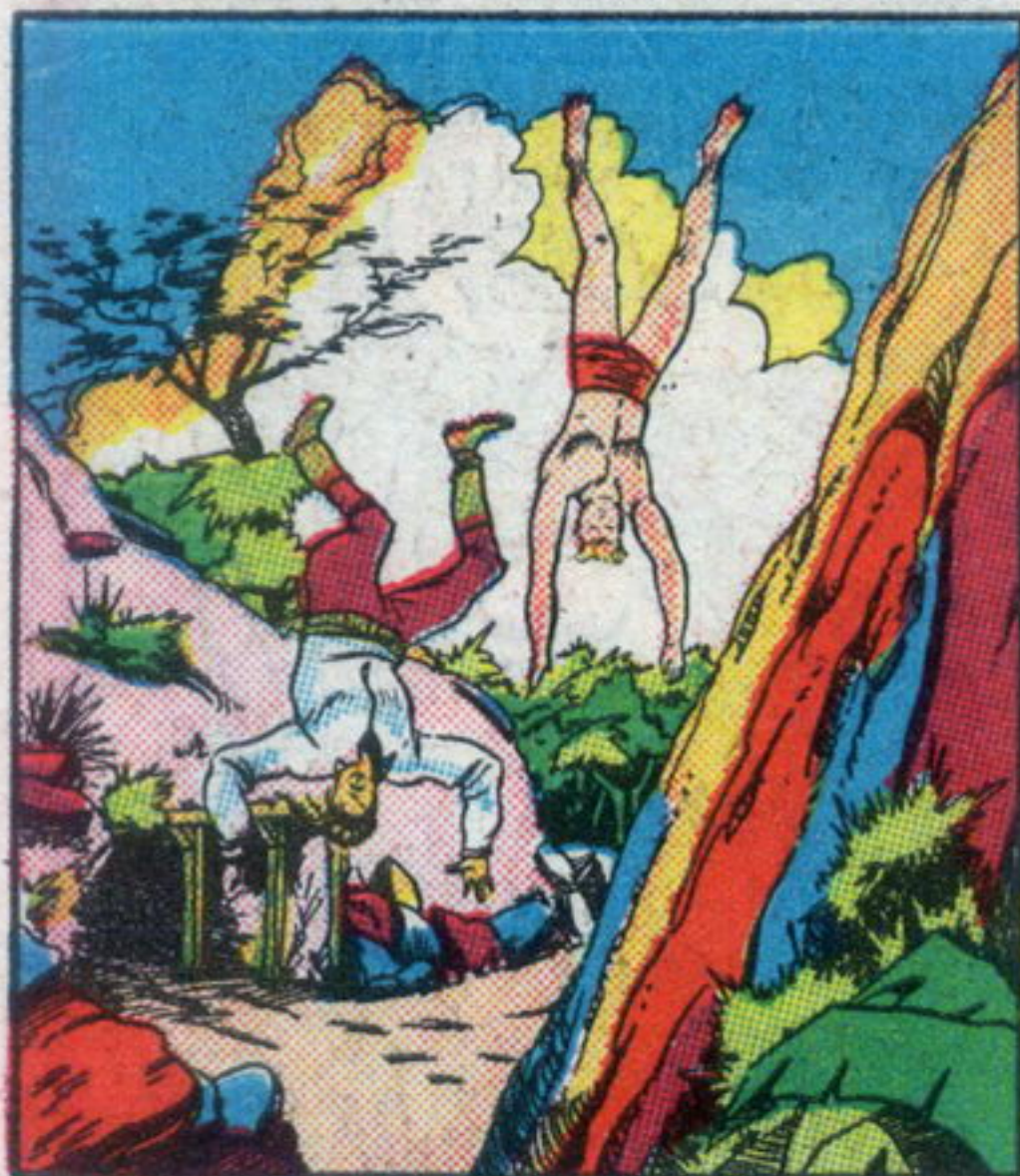


SAMAR MAKES A FLYING TACKLE.





THEY ROLL DOWN THE STEEP INCLINE INTO THE MOUTH OF A FRESHLY DUG PIT.



AND SAMAR LANDS NIMBLY ON HIS FEET.



SO..THIS IS YOUR SECRET? LEAD ON. I WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU'RE MINING HERE?

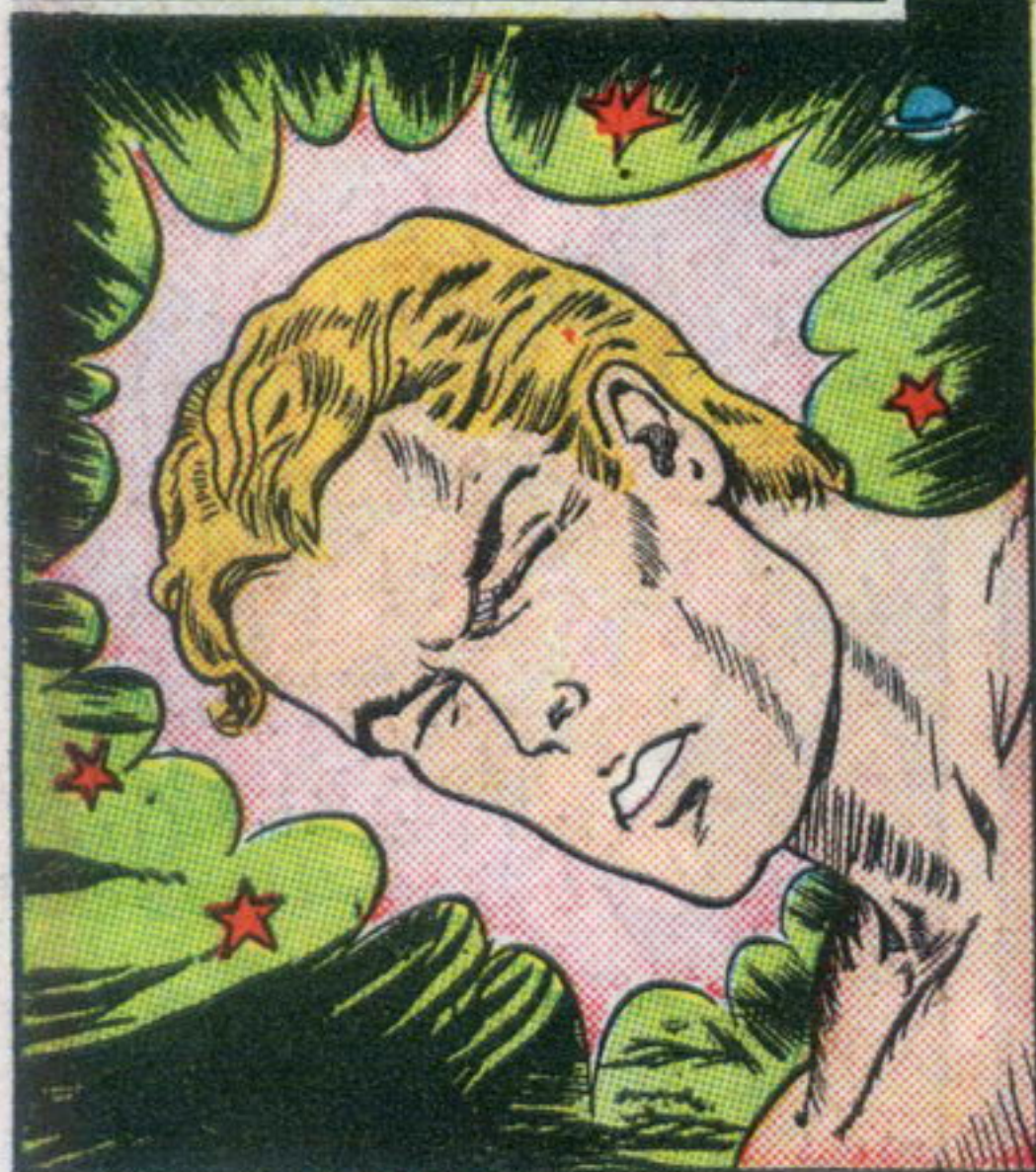
UH.. ALL RIGHT.

BUT AS THEY ENTER THE DARK TUNNEL, HUGO SPRINGS A QUICK STRATEGY.



THERE YOU GO, WILD MAN?

HANDS SLIPPING ON THE MOIST EARTH, SAMAR'S HEAD STRIKES A ROCK.



THE MINER SNATCHES UP A PICKAXE.



YOU'RE A HARD GUY TO KILL.



BUT THIS WILL DO IT?

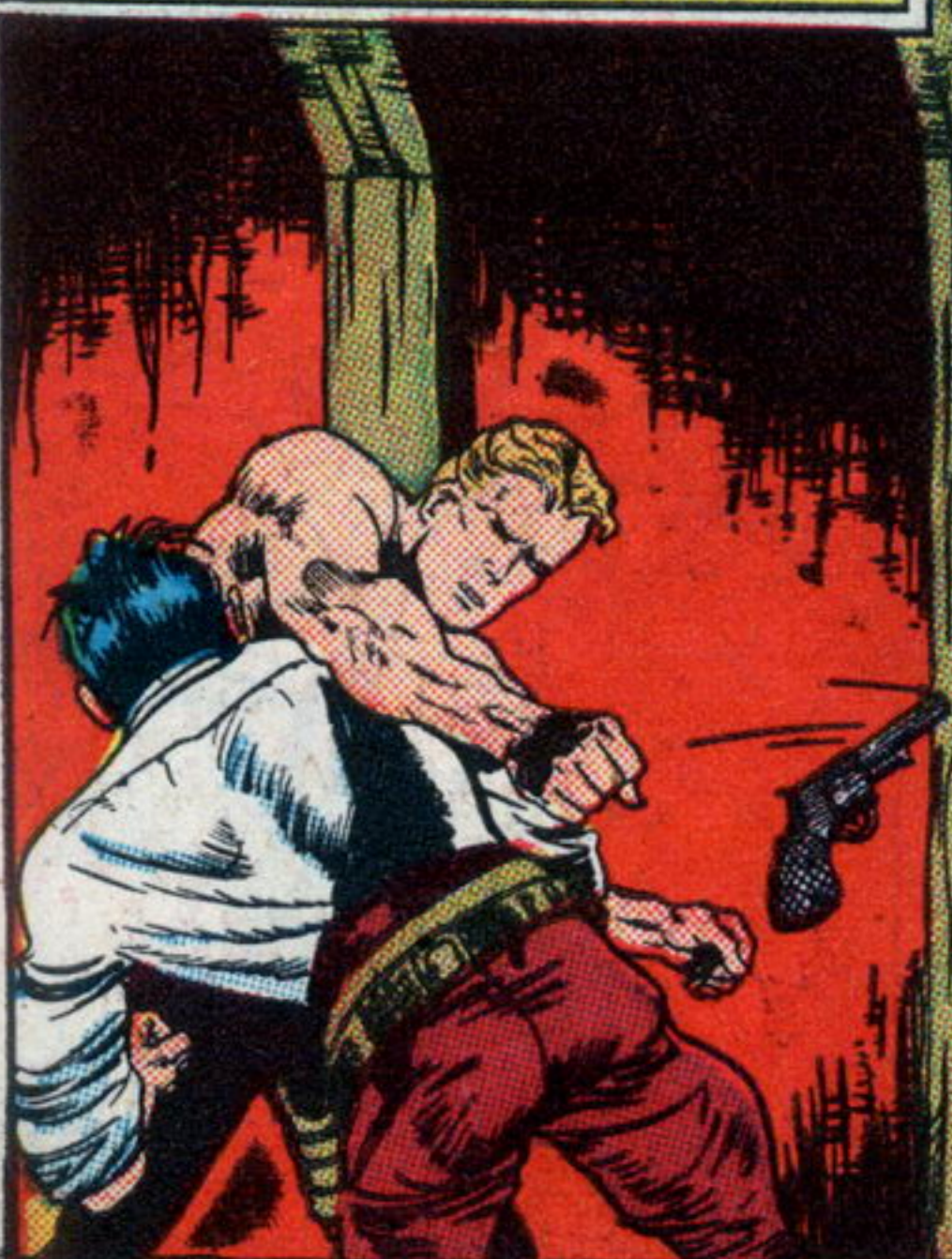
DON'T BE SO SURE, MISTER.

AS SAMAR GRABS AT HUGO, A SHOT ROARS OVER HIS HEAD.

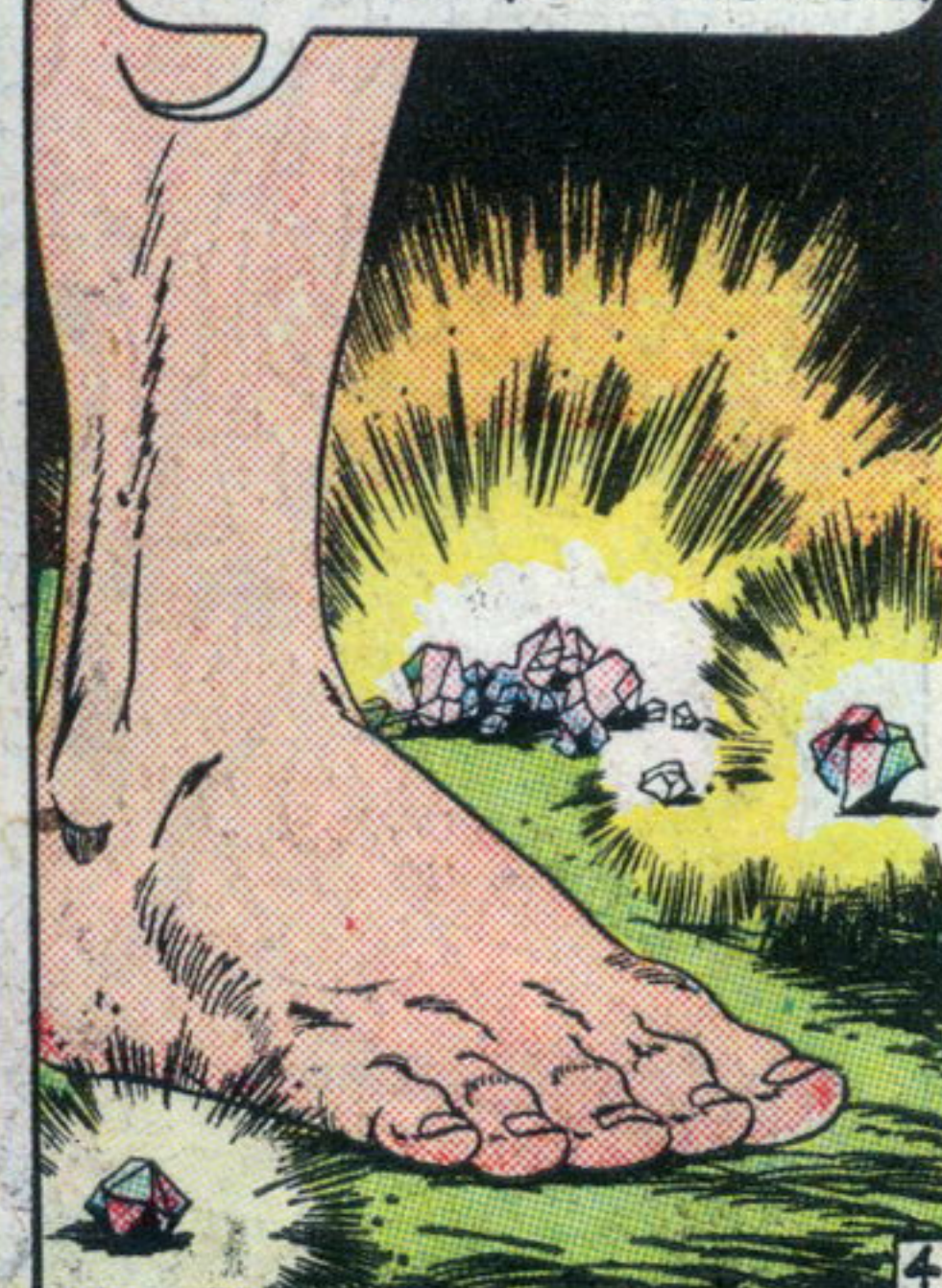


GET HIM, LEO.

RUSHING THROUGH THE SHADOWS, SAMAR LEAPS UPON THE OTHER MINER.



MY FISTS PUT THEM TO SLEEP.. NOW I'LL FIND.. OH! DIAMONDS!





BUT BEHIND SAMAR'S BACK, THE MINERS ARE WIDE AWAKE.



GINGERLY, HIS ACCOMPLICE HOLDS A MATCH TO THE OILY RAG.



BEFORE THE MINER CAN HURL THE FLAMING MISSILE, THE GAS EXPLODES.



SAMAR WHIRLS ABOUT.



QUICKLY, SAMAR DISARMS THE MEN AND DRAGS THEM OUTSIDE.



LEAVE THIS COUNTRY AT ONCE! YOU'LL FIND A TRAIL DOWN THERE.

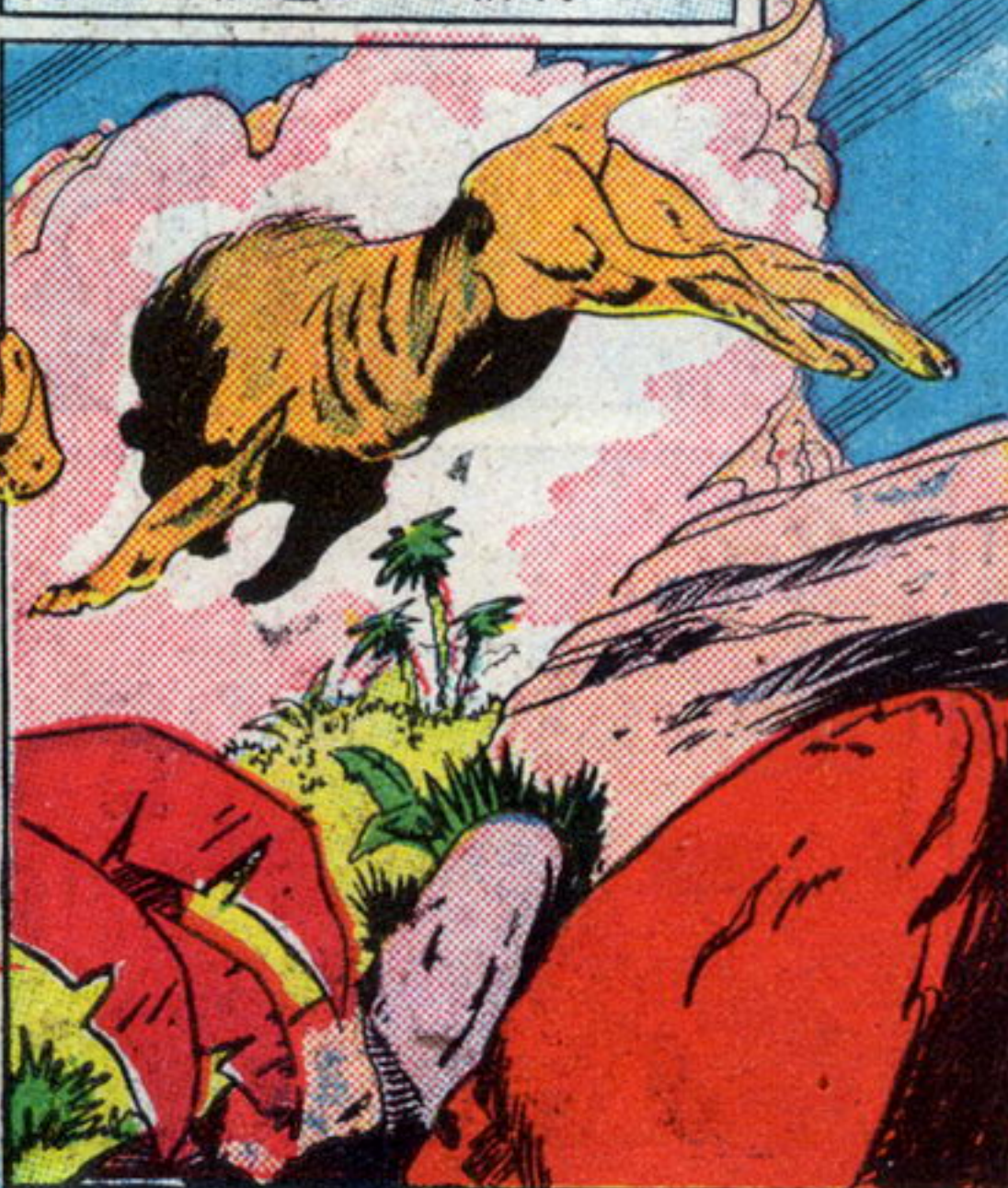
OKAY.. BUT HOW CAN WE GET THROUGH WITHOUT GUNS AND FOOD?



DOWN THE TRAIL, A HUNGRY LION LIES IN WAIT FOR PREY.



THE KING OF BEASTS SPRINGS UPON THE UNARMED PAIR.



SERVES THEM RIGHT.. JUNGLE LAWS MUST BE ENFORCED BY THE ANIMALS.



Don't miss Samar in the September issue of FEATURE COMICS—on sale July 25th.



# NIPPIE

HE'S  
OFTEN  
WRONG

WHY DIDN'T YOU HIT TH' LAST ONE INSTEAD OF DUCKIN'?

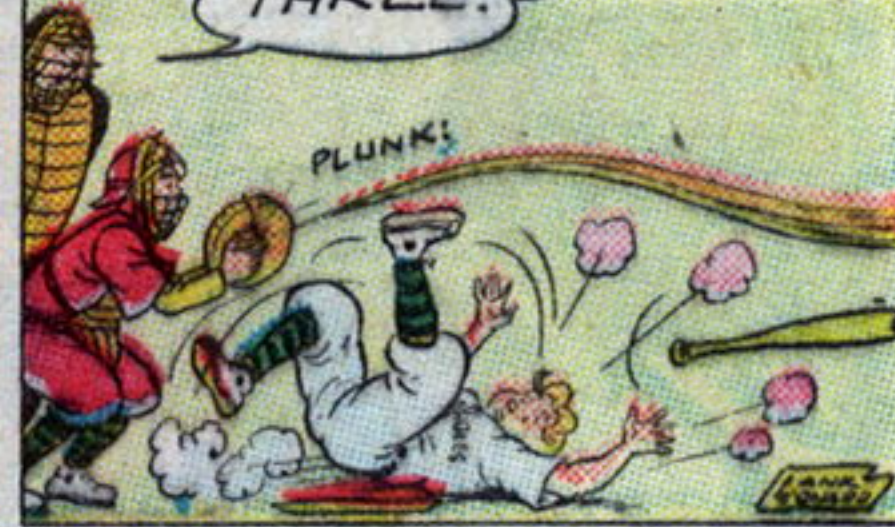
I THOUGHT IT WAS GONNA HIT ME, BUT IT CURVED OVER TH' PLATE!



WELL, HE WON'T MAKE ME DUCK!



STRIKE THREE!



## MICKEY FINN

By LANK LEONARD

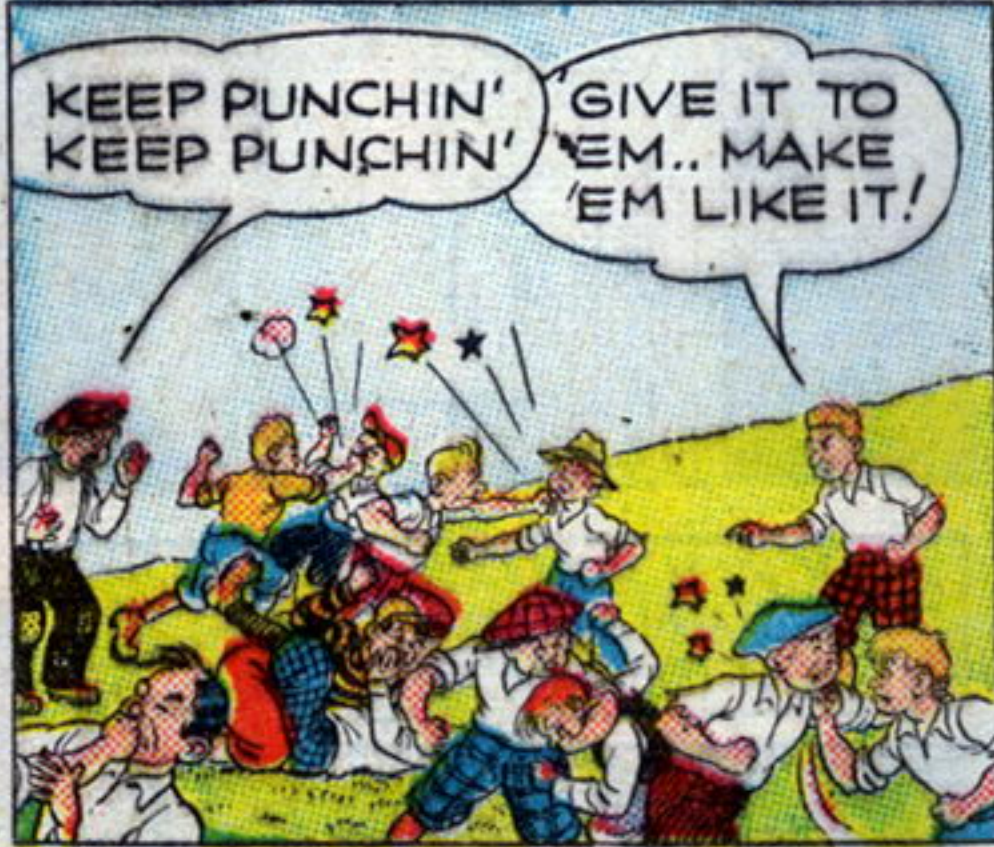
LOOK OVER IN THAT LOT, MICKEY.. IT'S A FREE-FOR-ALL!



GOSH! THAT'S BIFF JORDAN'S MOB FIGHTIN' SLUG WADE'S GANG!

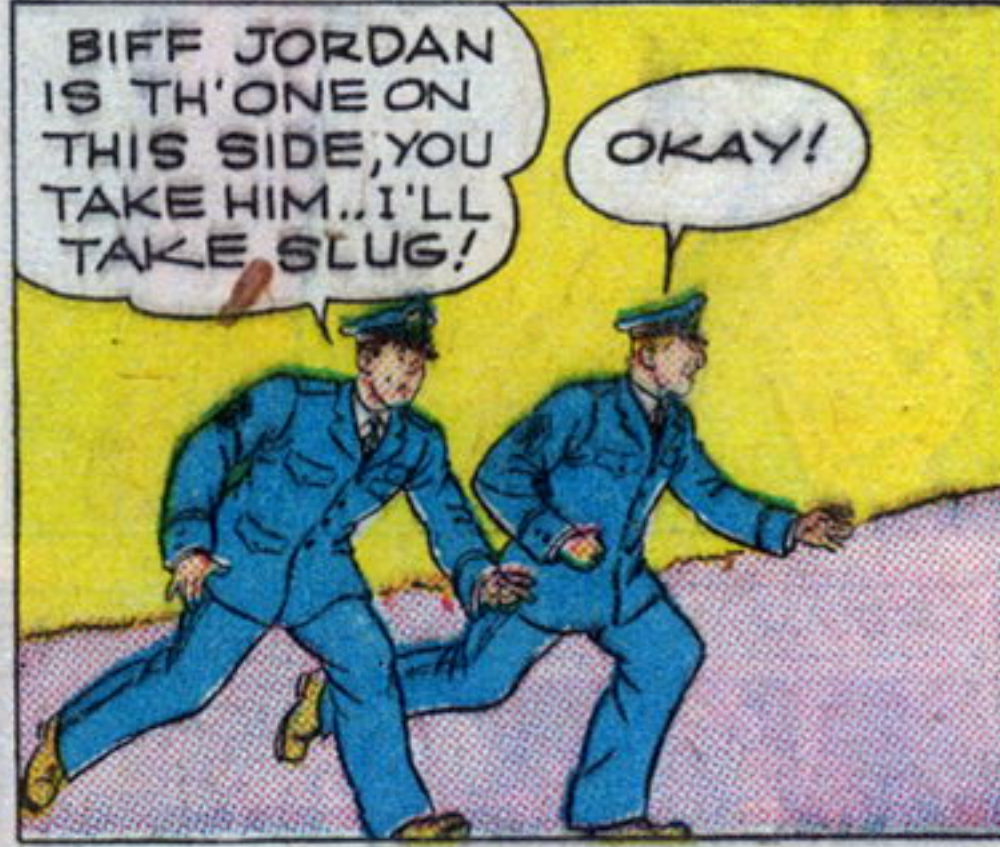
KEEP PUNCHIN' KEEP PUNCHIN'

GIVE IT TO 'EM.. MAKE 'EM LIKE IT!

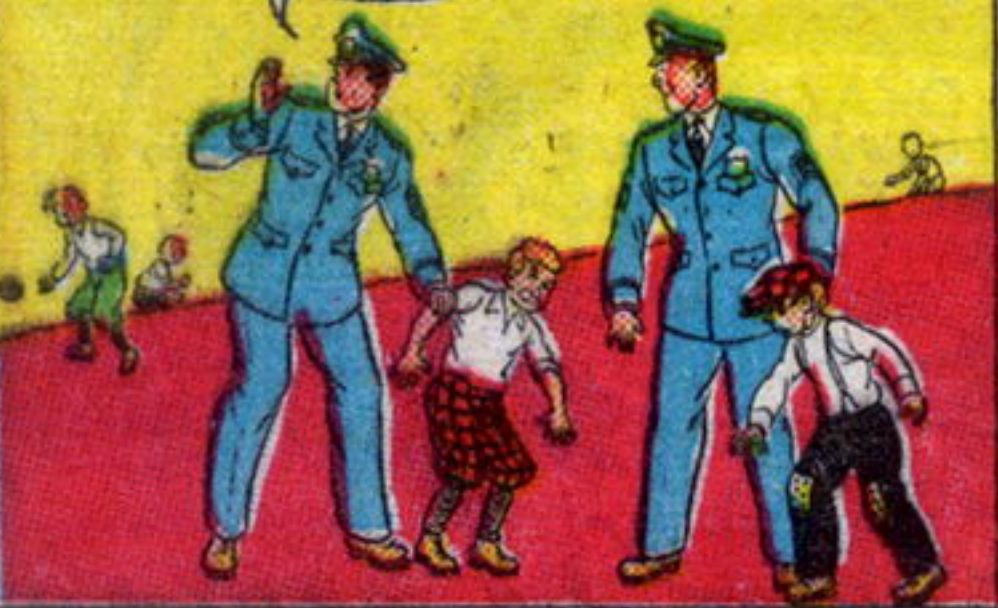


BIFF JORDAN IS TH' ONE ON THIS SIDE, YOU TAKE HIM.. I'LL TAKE SLUG!

OKAY!

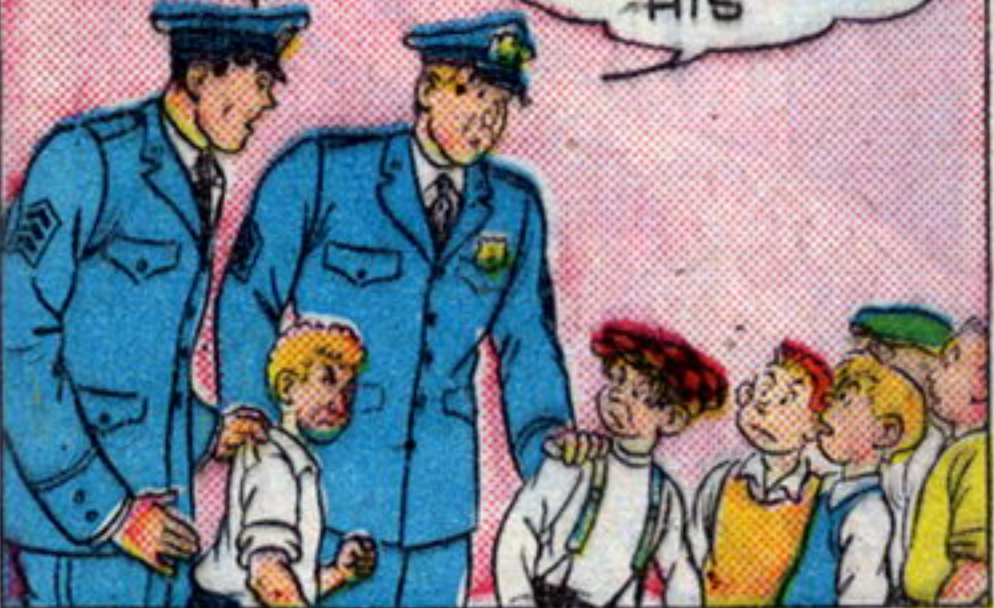


WE AIN'T GONNA ARREST ANY OF YA! COME BACK!



WHAT WERE YOU FIGHTIN' FOR?

BIFF CLAIMS THIS IS HIS BALL LOT, AND SLUG CLAIMS IT'S HIS



WELL, IT'S A BIG LOT.. IT OUGHTA BE BIG ENOUGH FOR ALL OF YOU TO PLAY IN!

SURE.. BUT BIFF DON'T THINK SO!

AND NEITHER DOES SLUG!



THEN WE'LL LET BIFF AND SLUG SETTLE THIS THEMSELVES!



WHAT'CHA WAITIN' FOR? YA BEEN DANCIN' AROUND FOR TEN MINUTES!

AW.. ONE'S AFRAID AN' TH OTHER WON'T!

PILE IN- TO HIM SLUG OR ARE YA YELLOW?



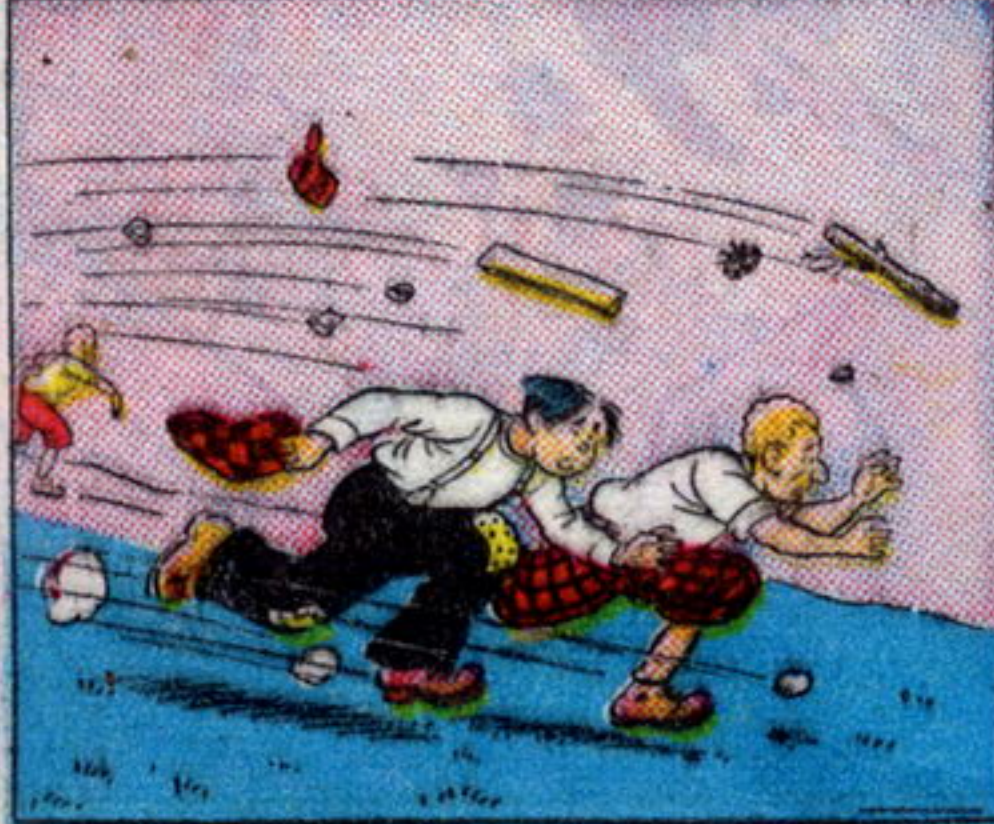
DON'T YOU SEE FELLAS? THEY'RE WILLIN' TO LET YOU GET HURT FOR THEM.. BUT THEY'RE AFRAID TO DO ANY FIGHTIN' THEMSELVES!



YOU'RE RIGHT, MICKEY!

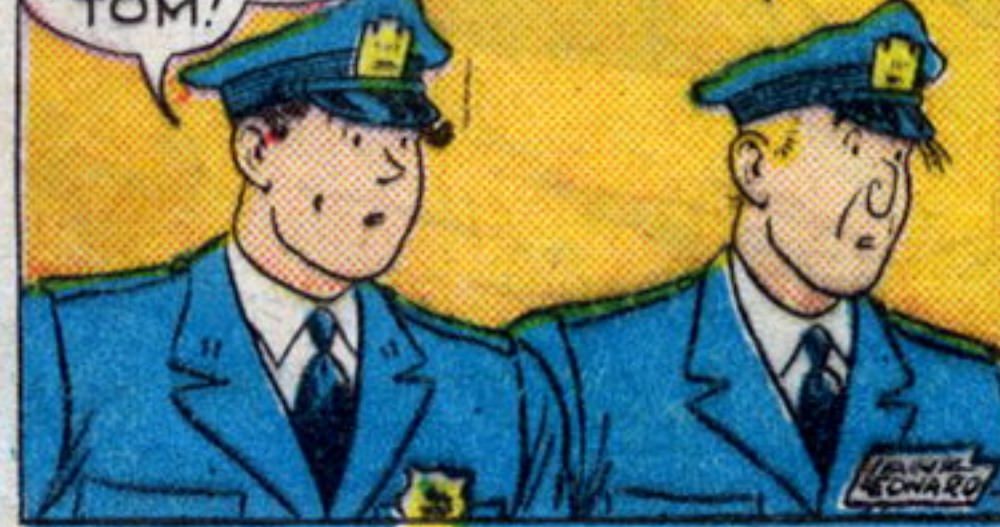
WHAT SUCKERS WE'VE BEEN!

TURN 'EM OVER TO US WE'LL FIX 'EM!

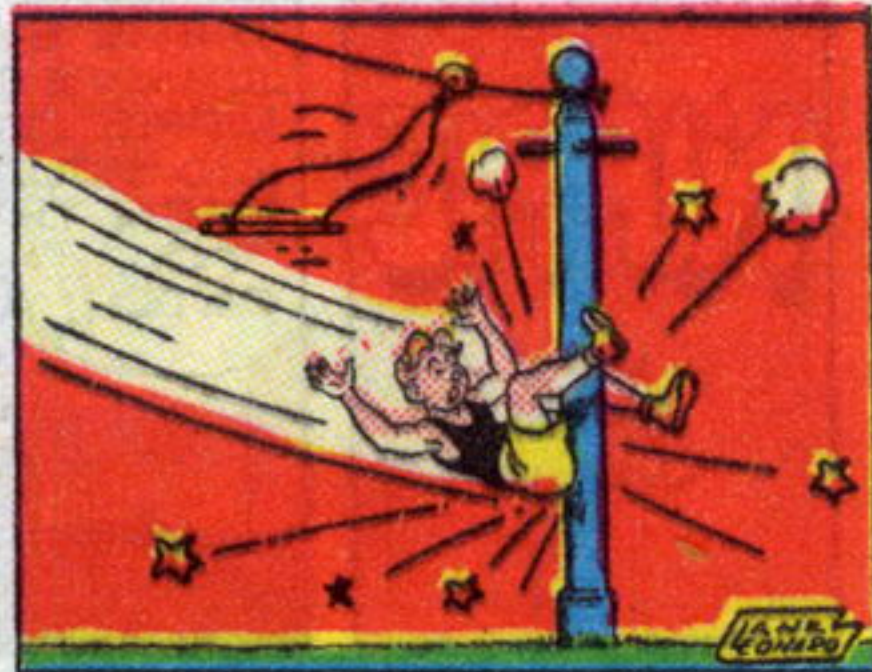
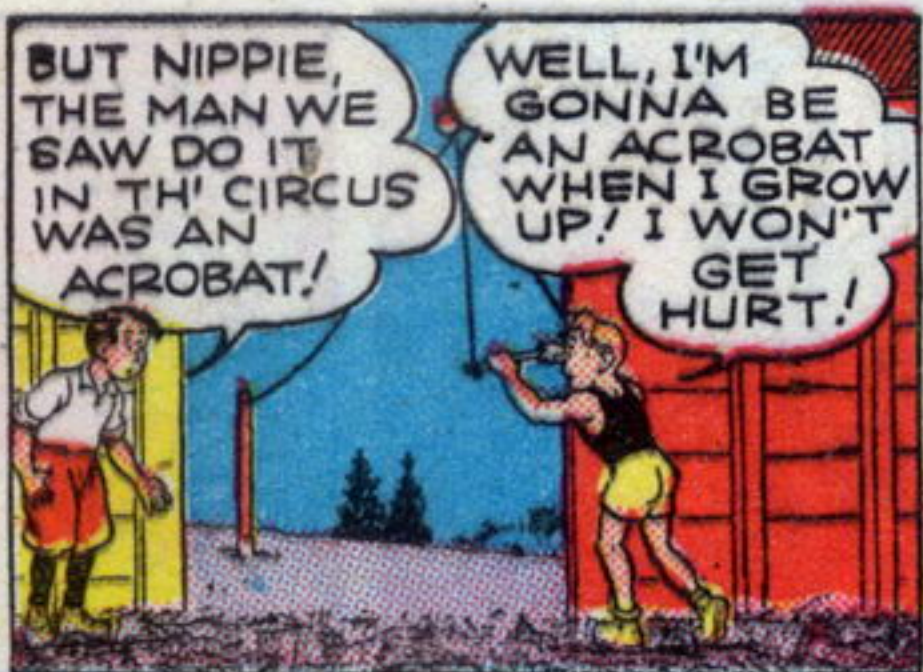
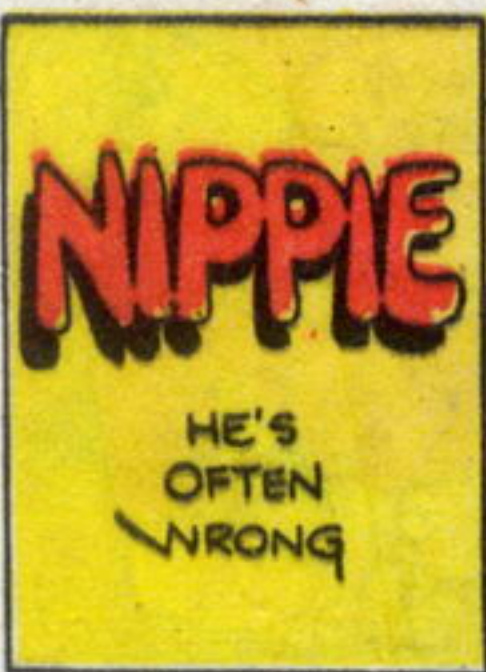


I BET A LOT OF TROUBLE IN THIS WORLD COULD BE AVOIDED TH' SAME WAY, TOM!

YOU SAID IT!

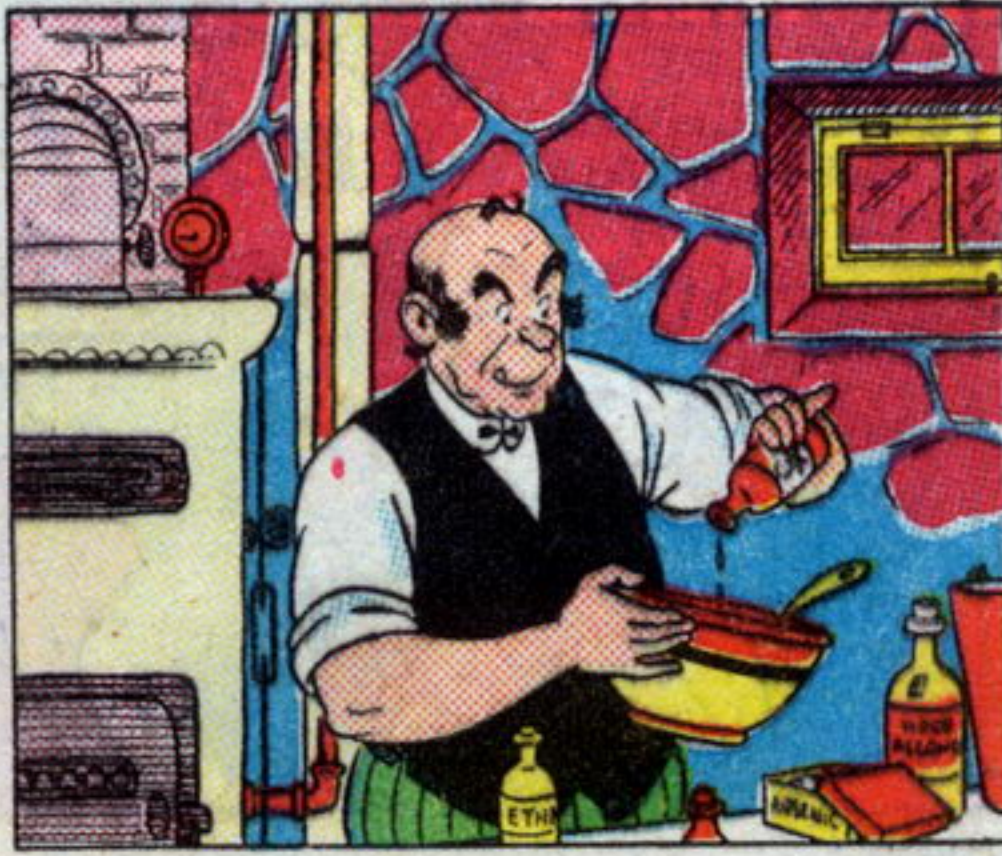
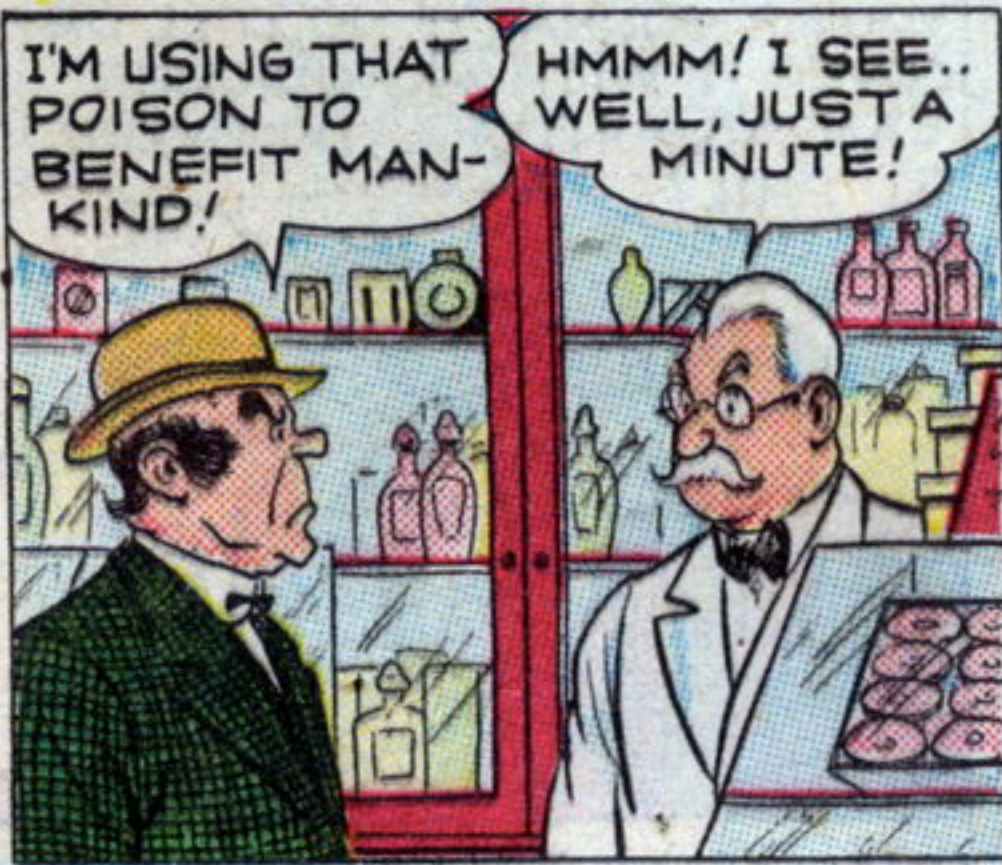
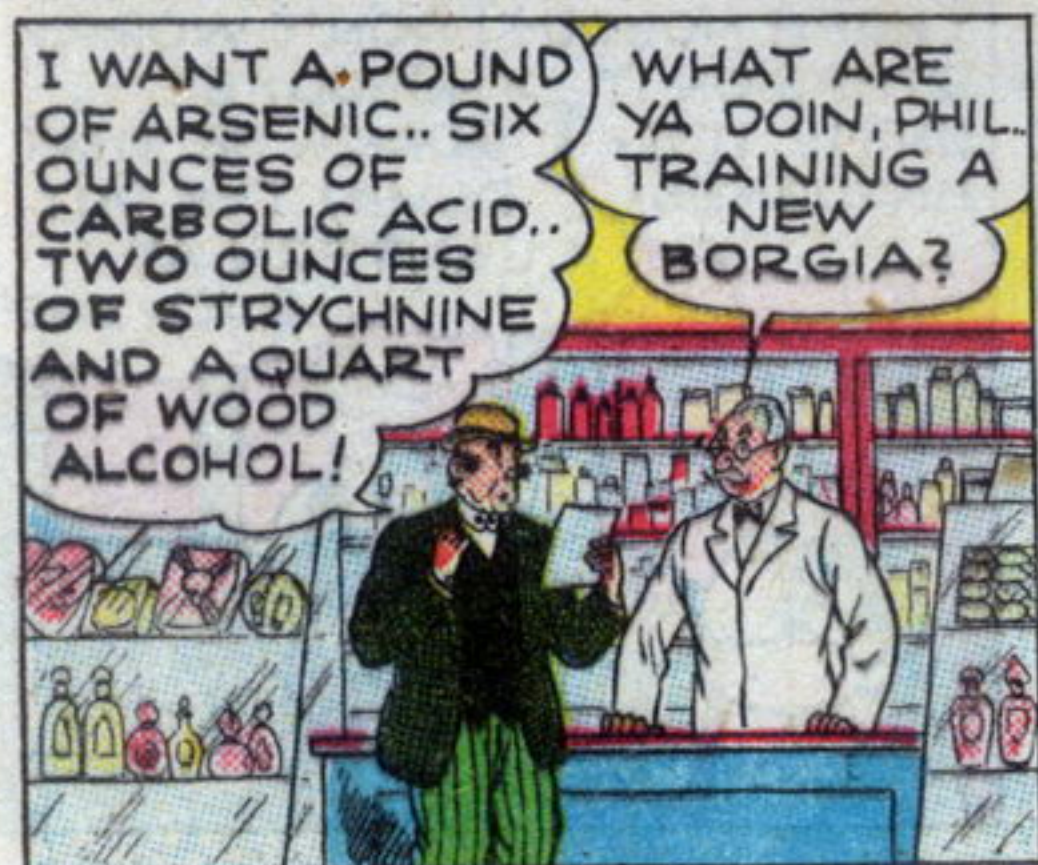
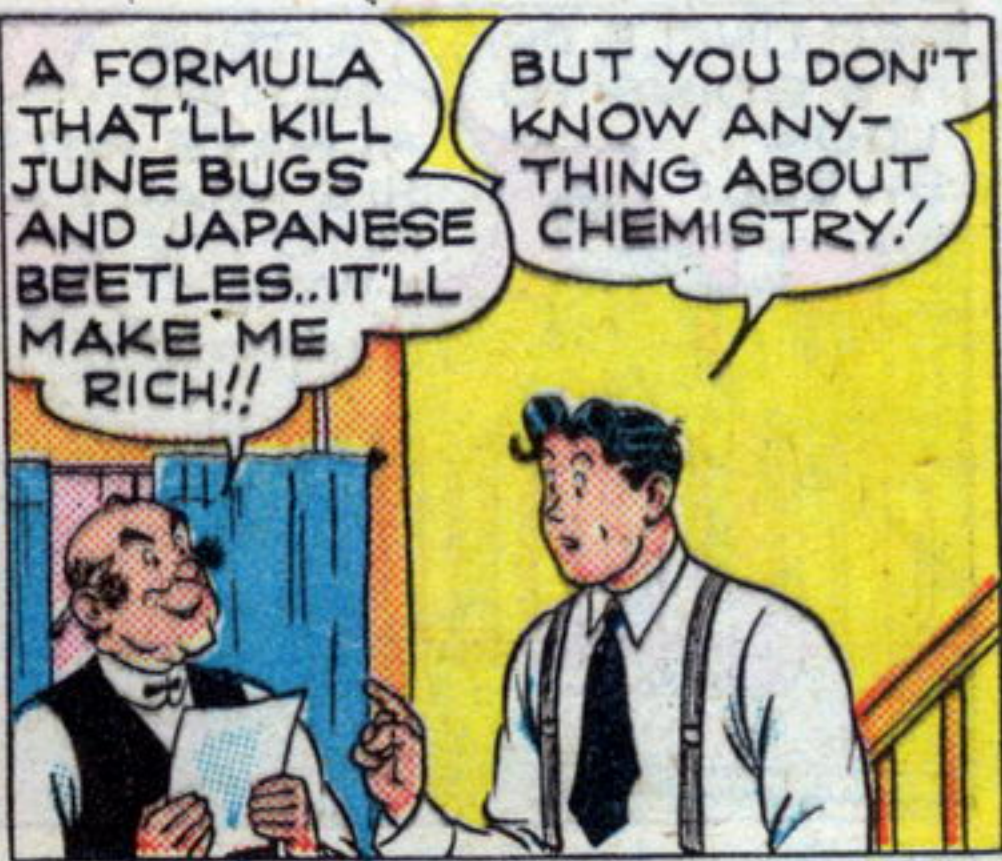




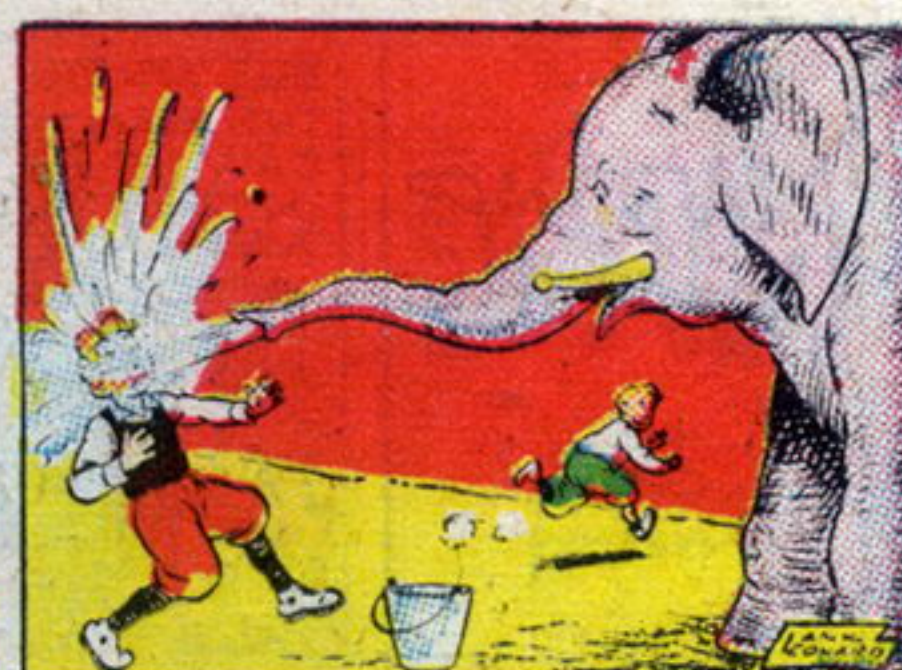
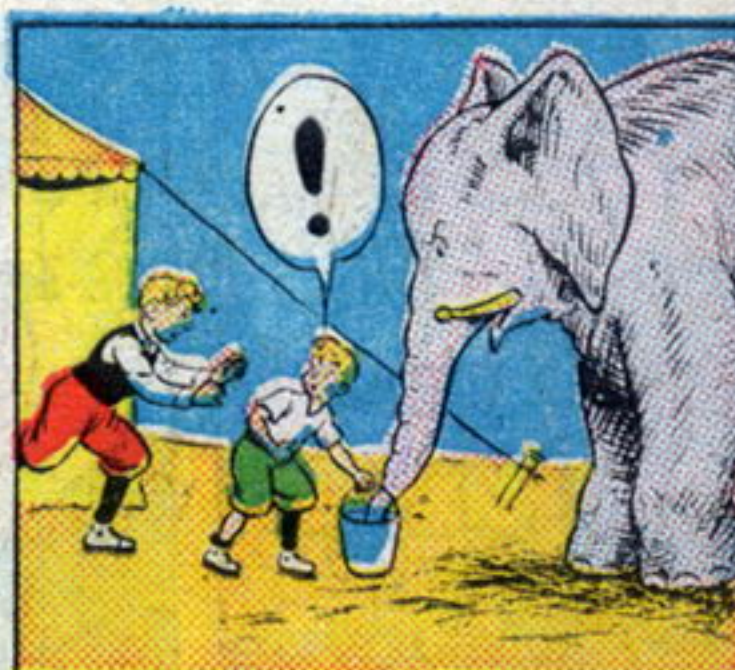
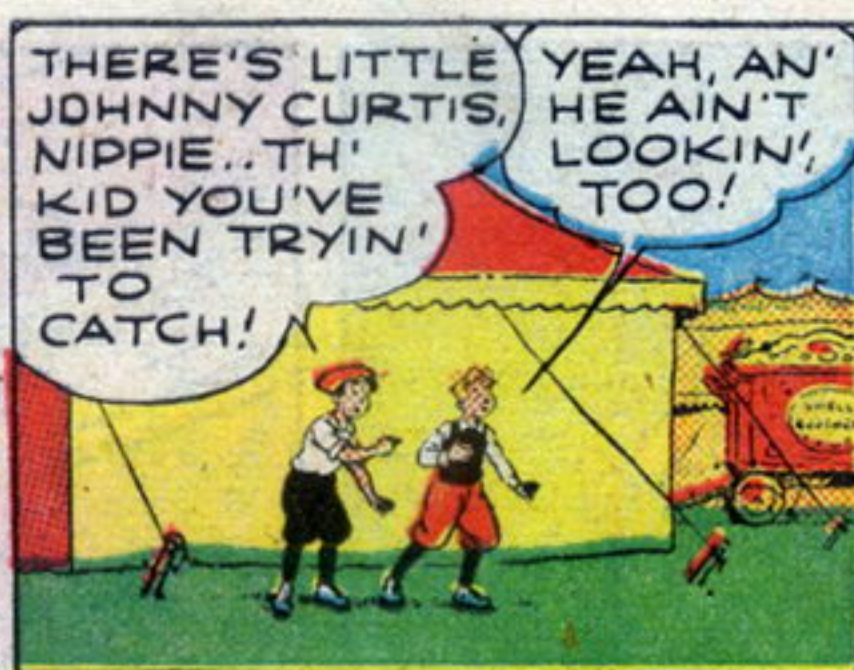
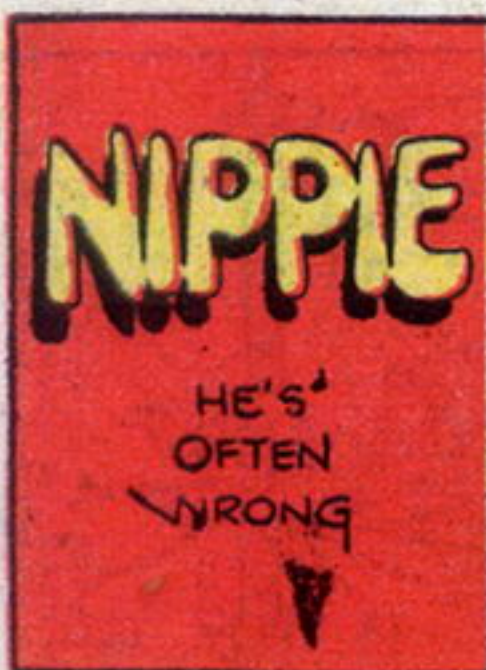


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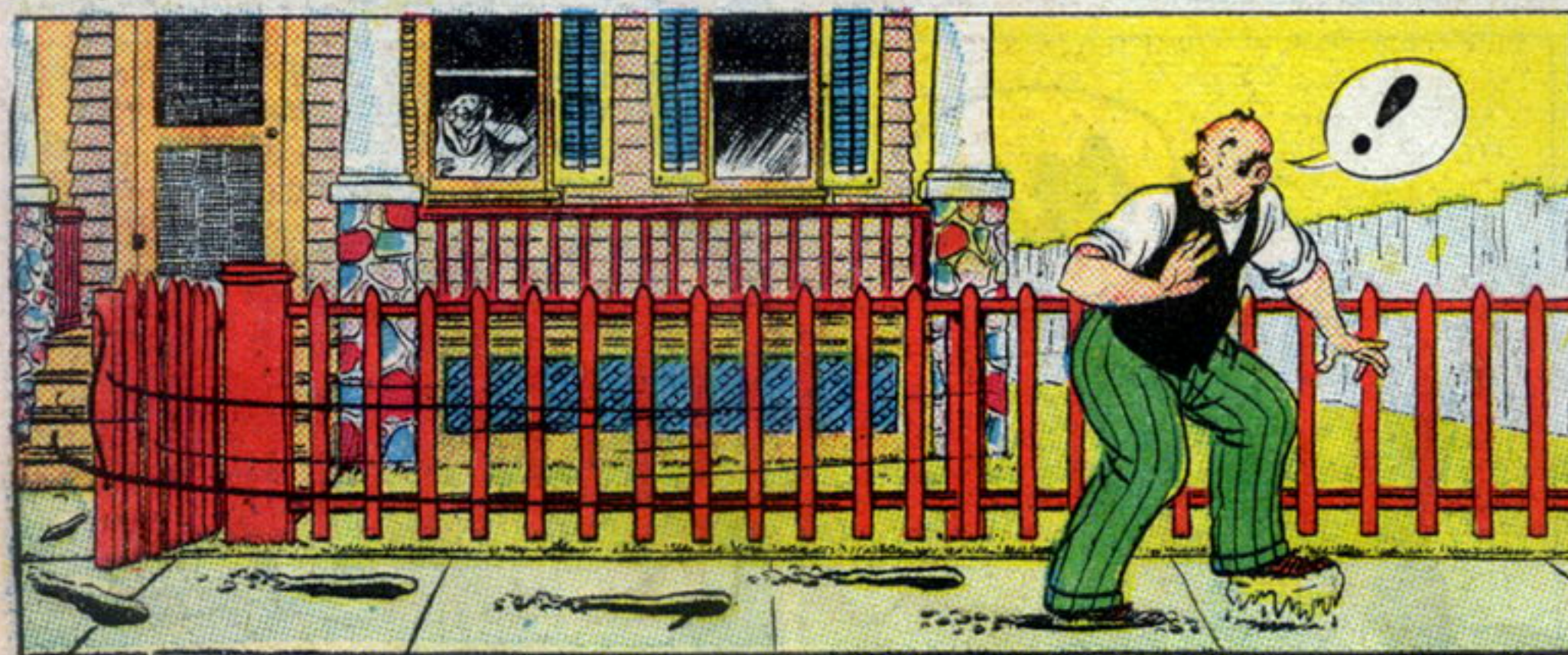
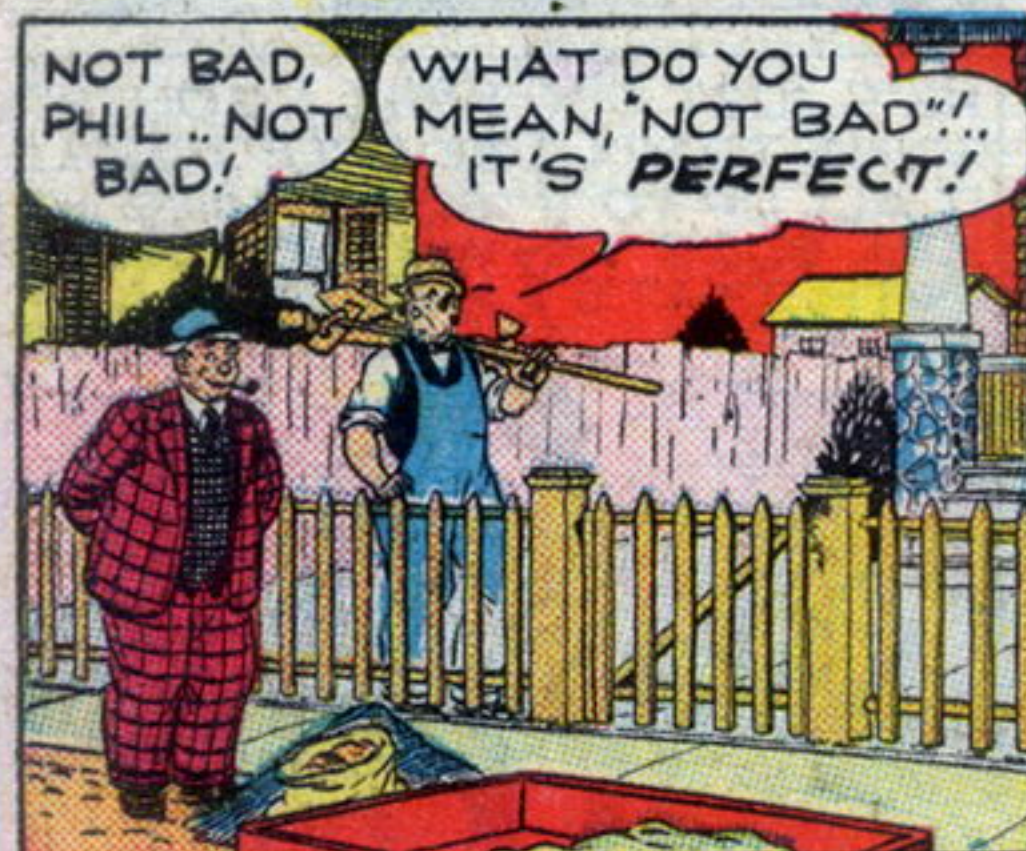




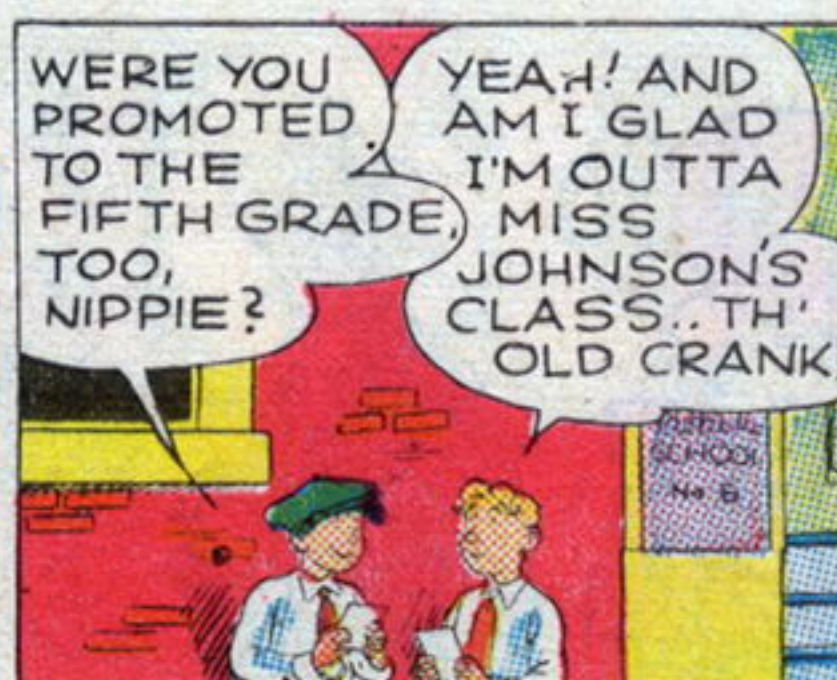
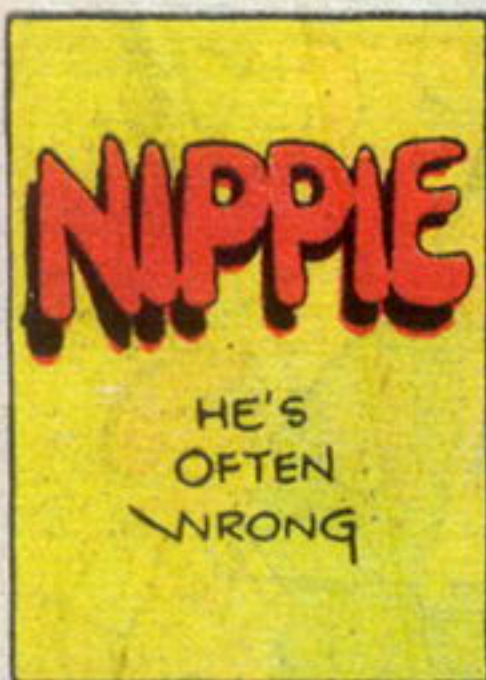


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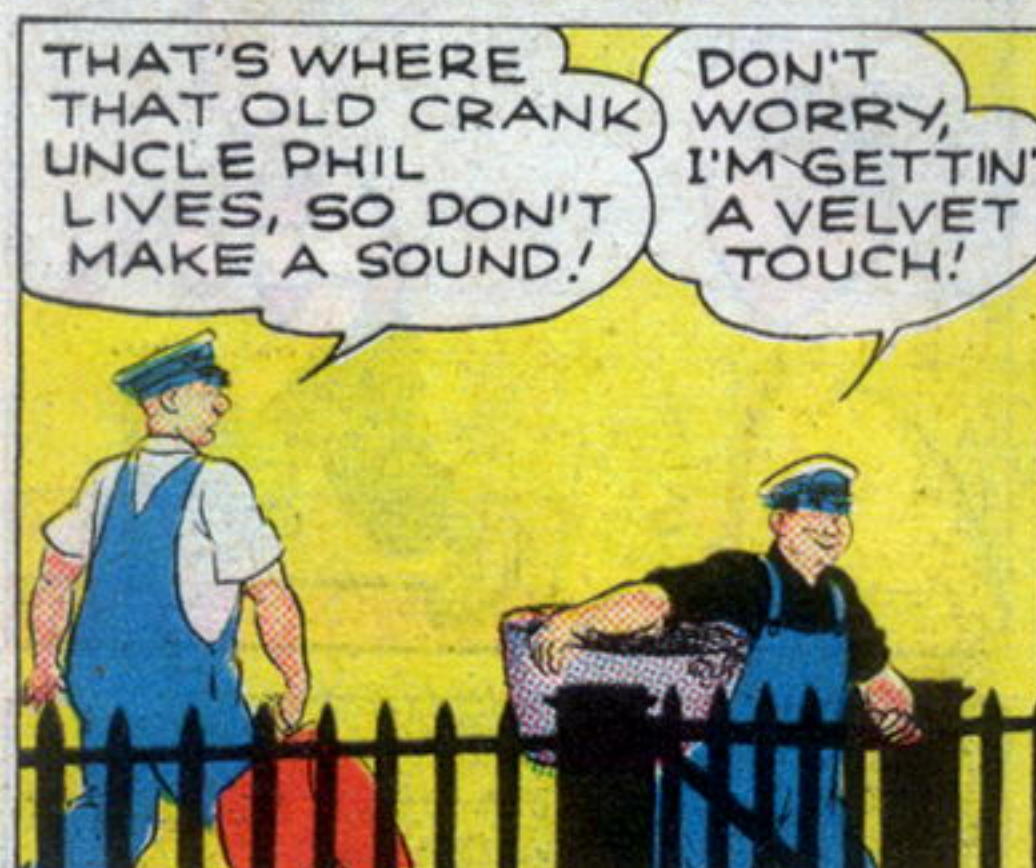
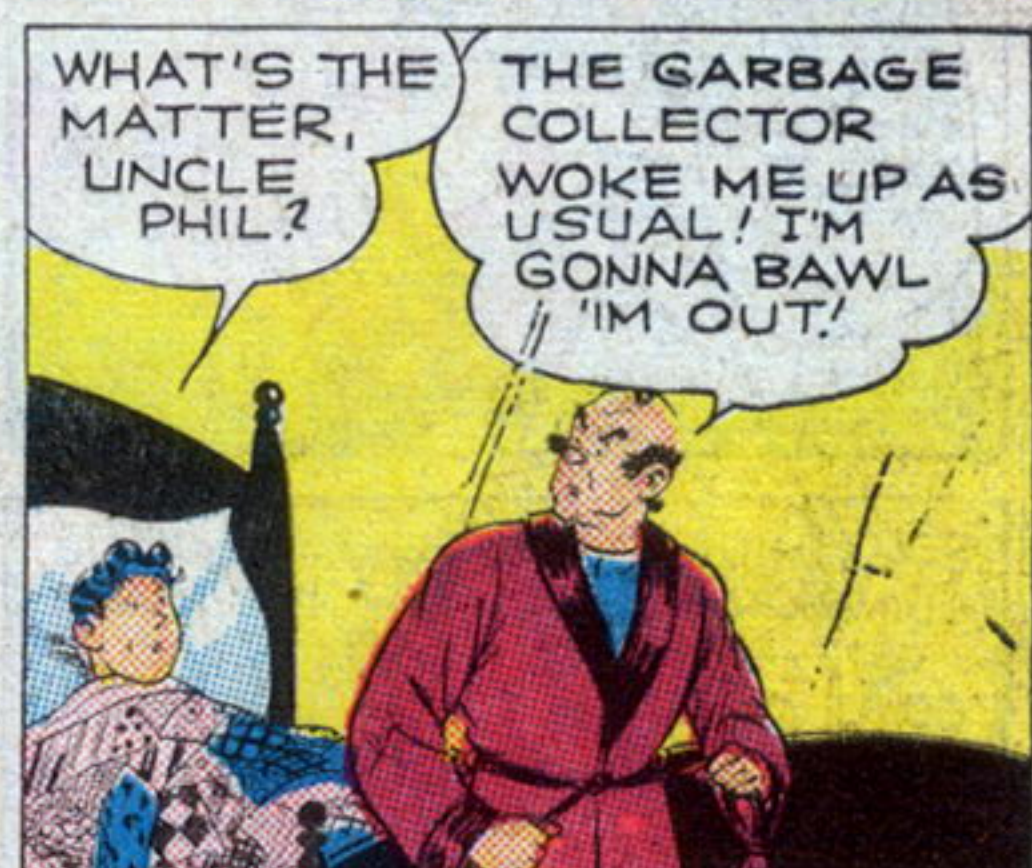
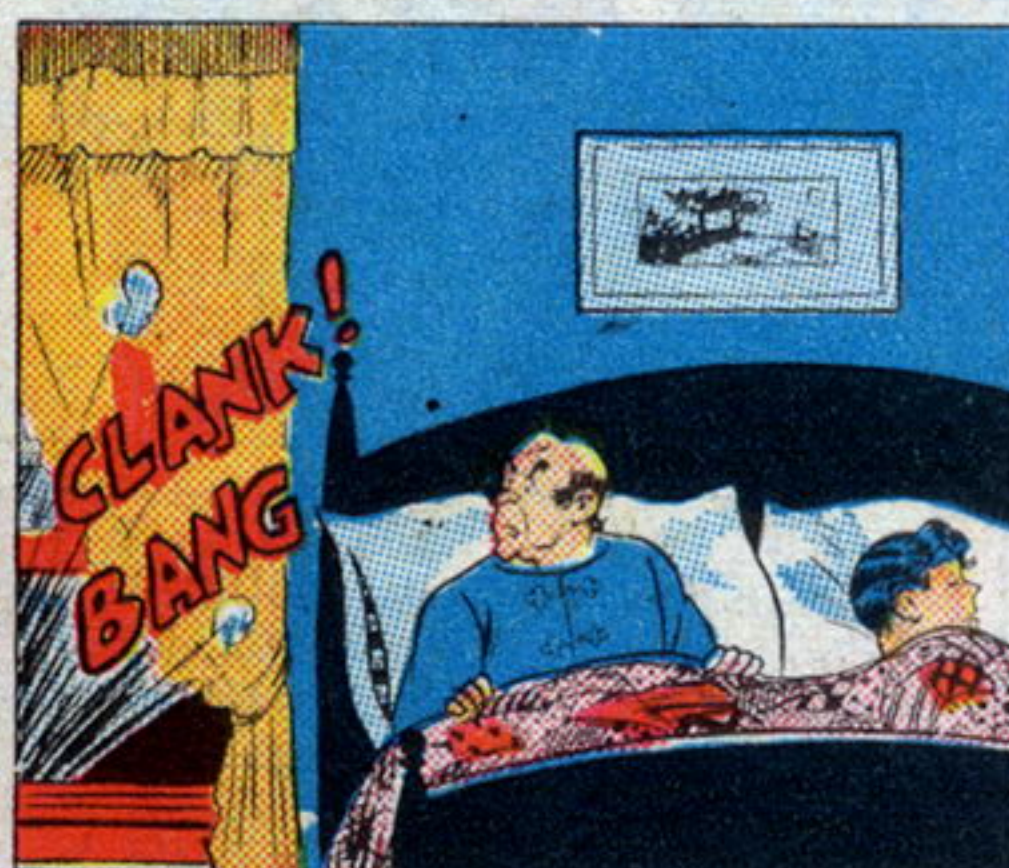
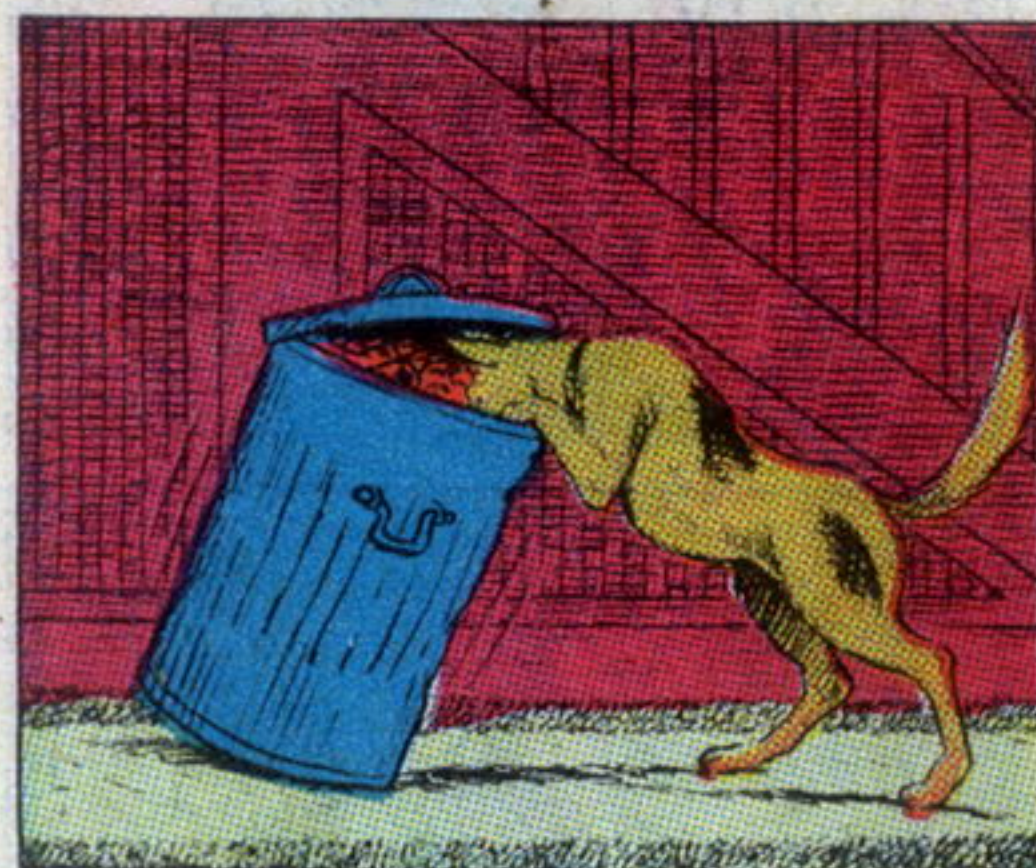
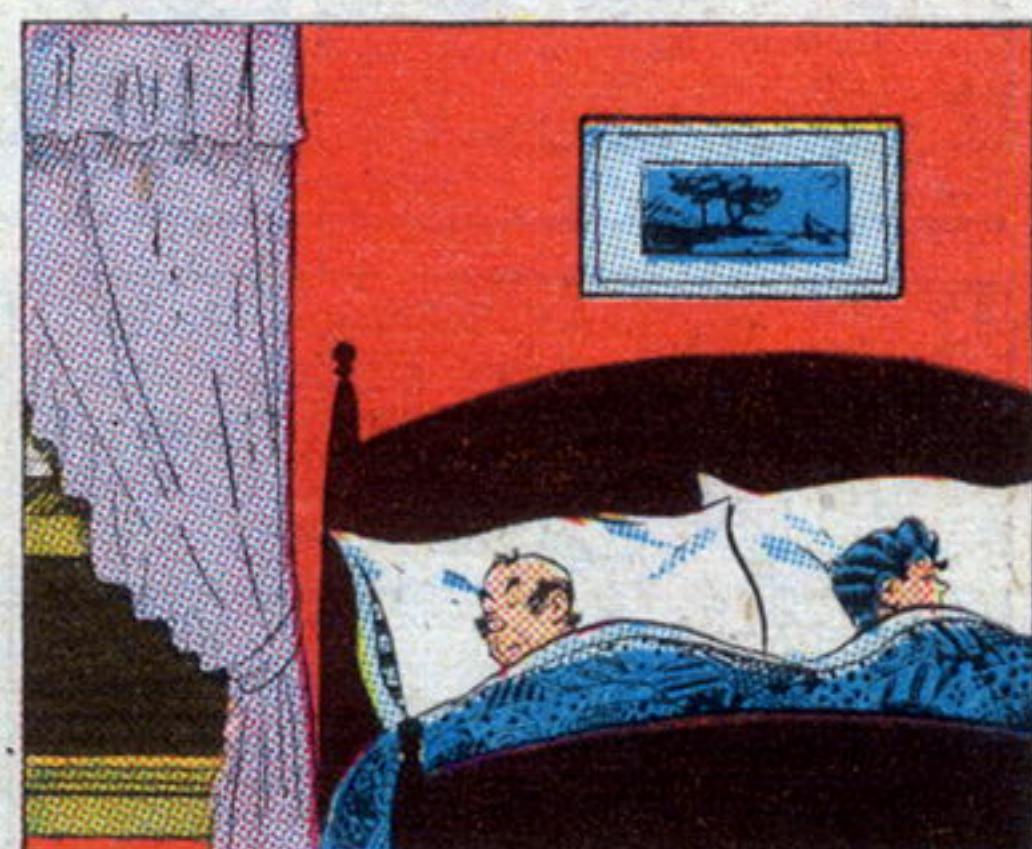




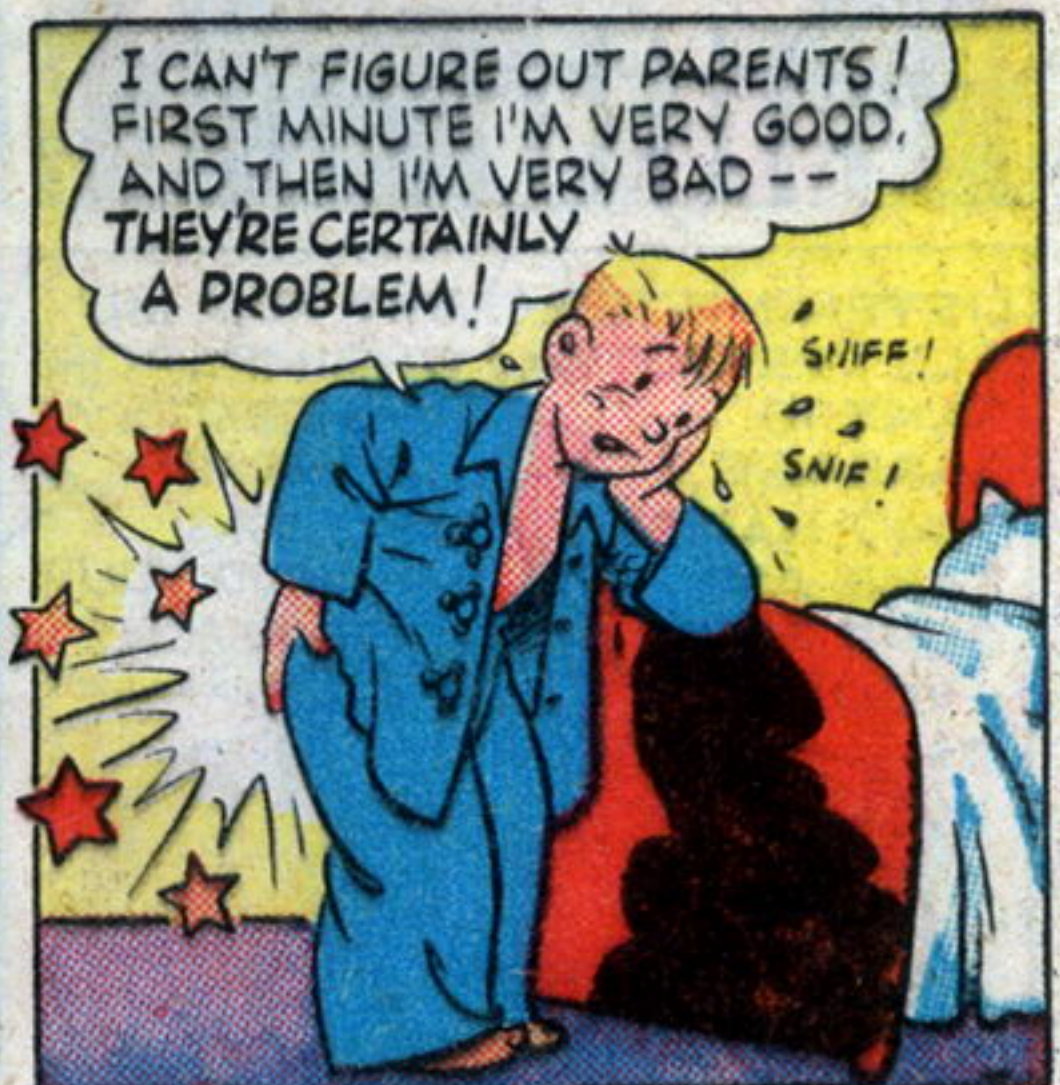
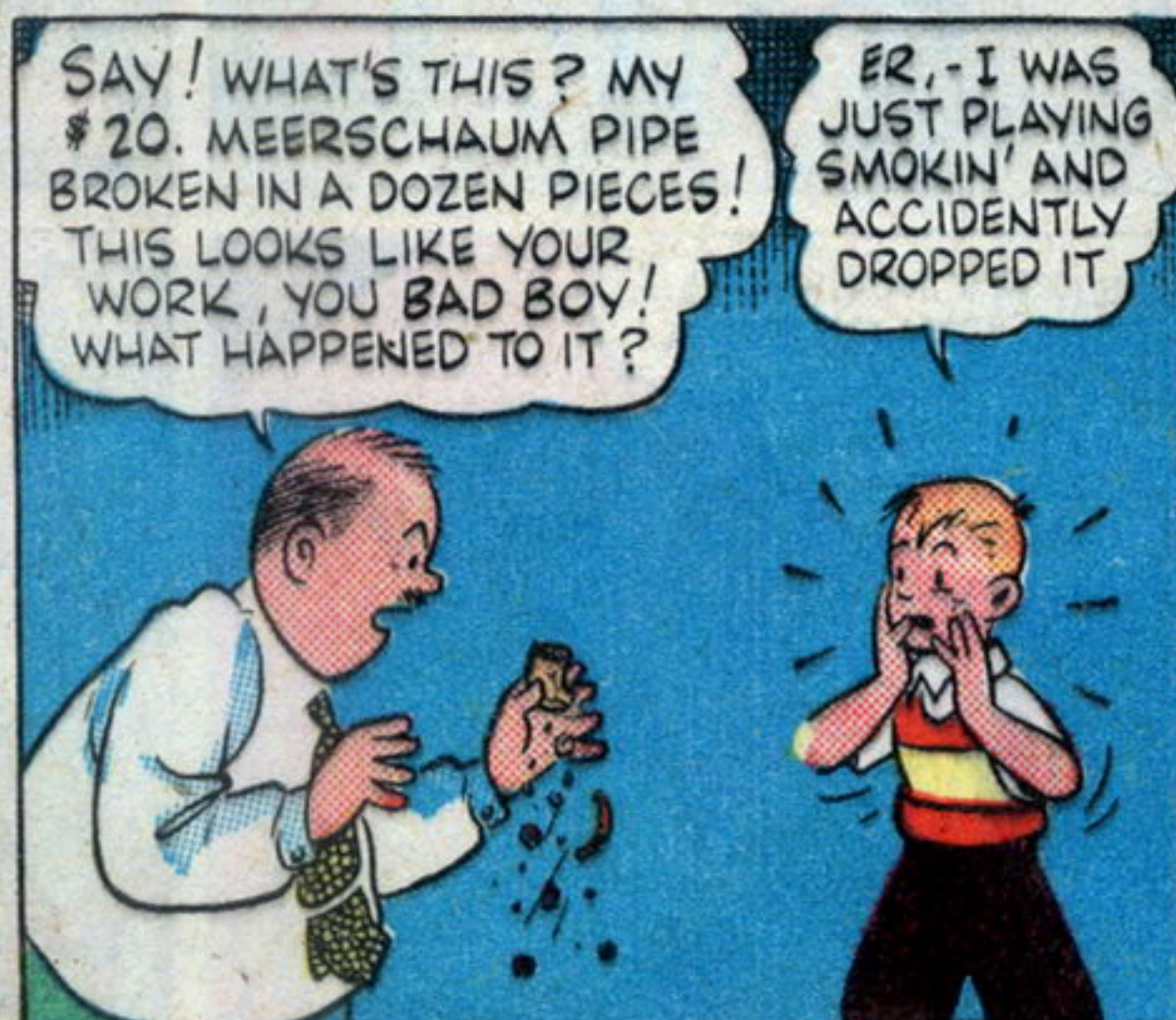
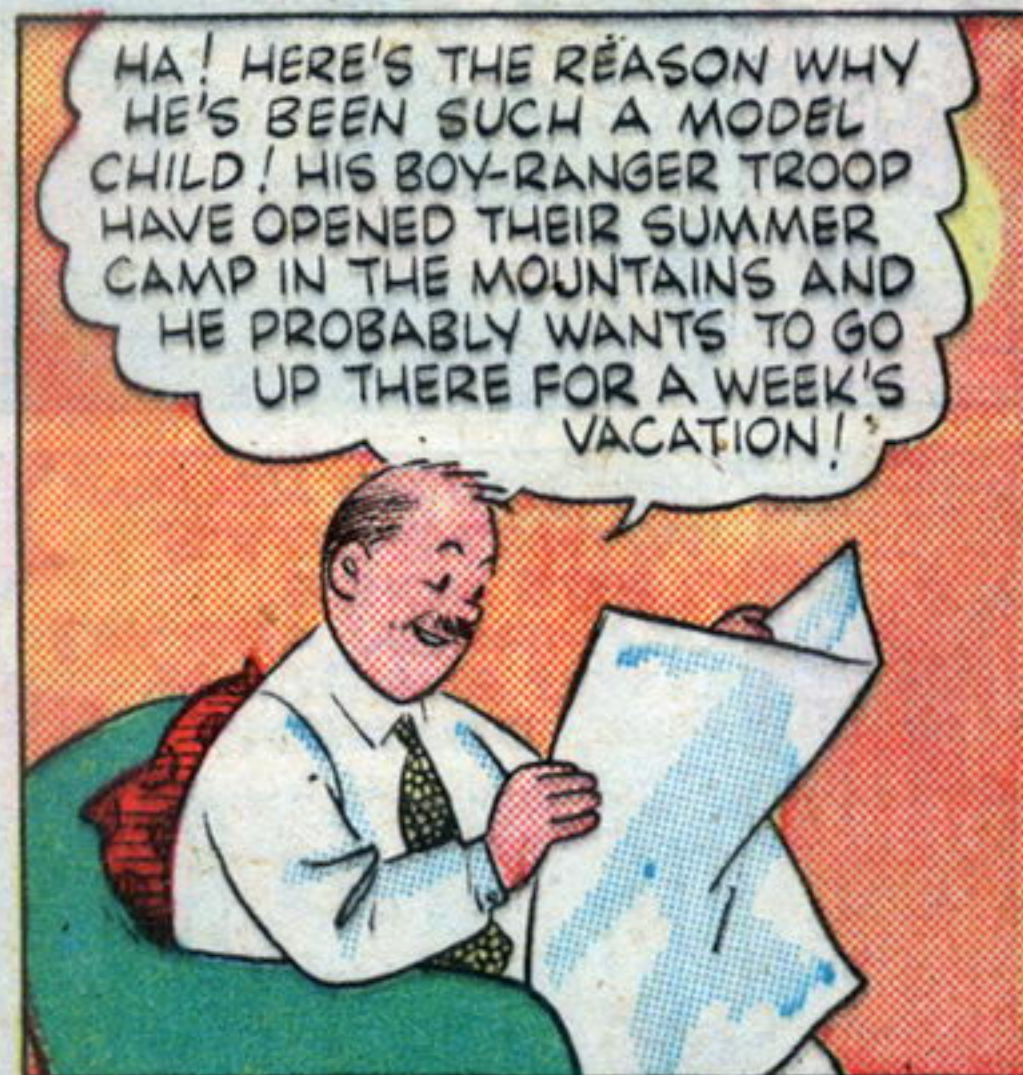
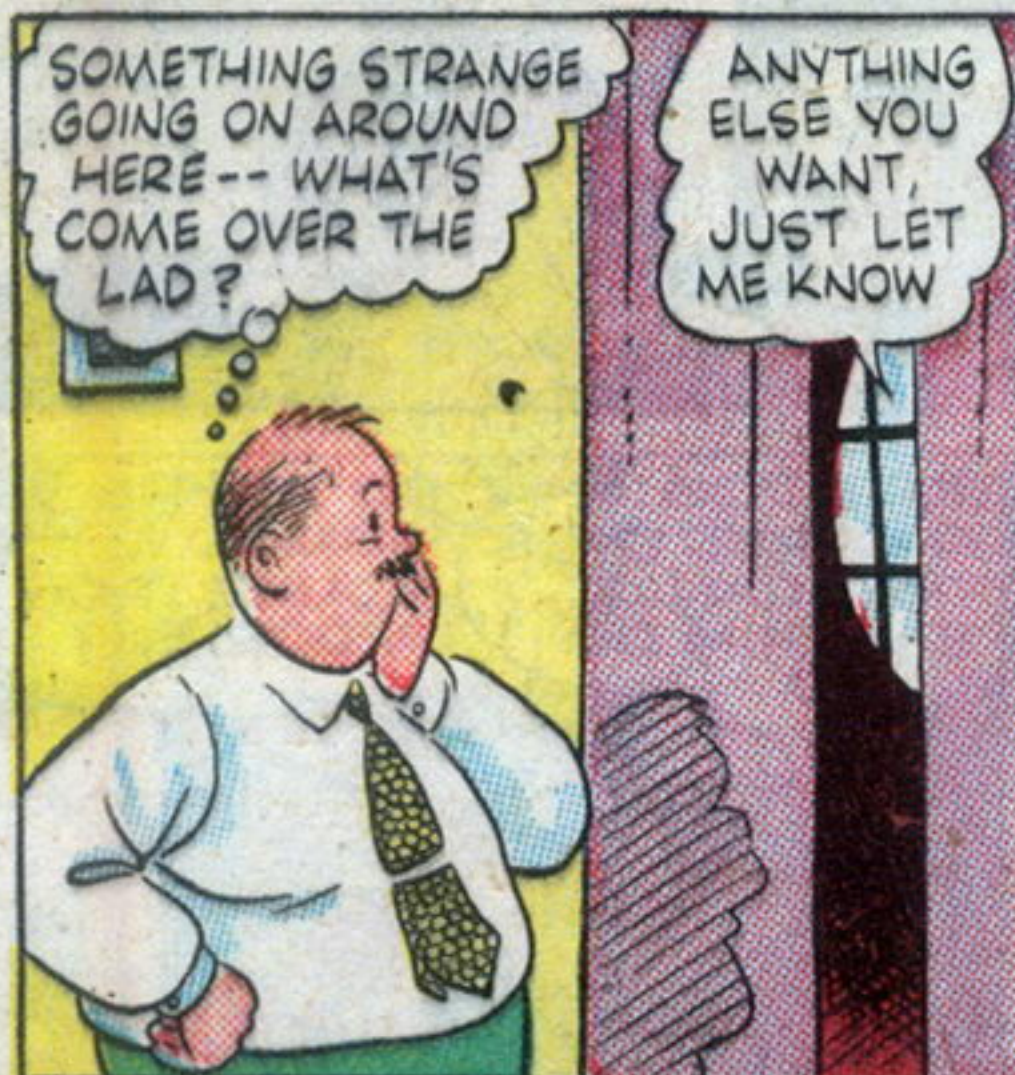
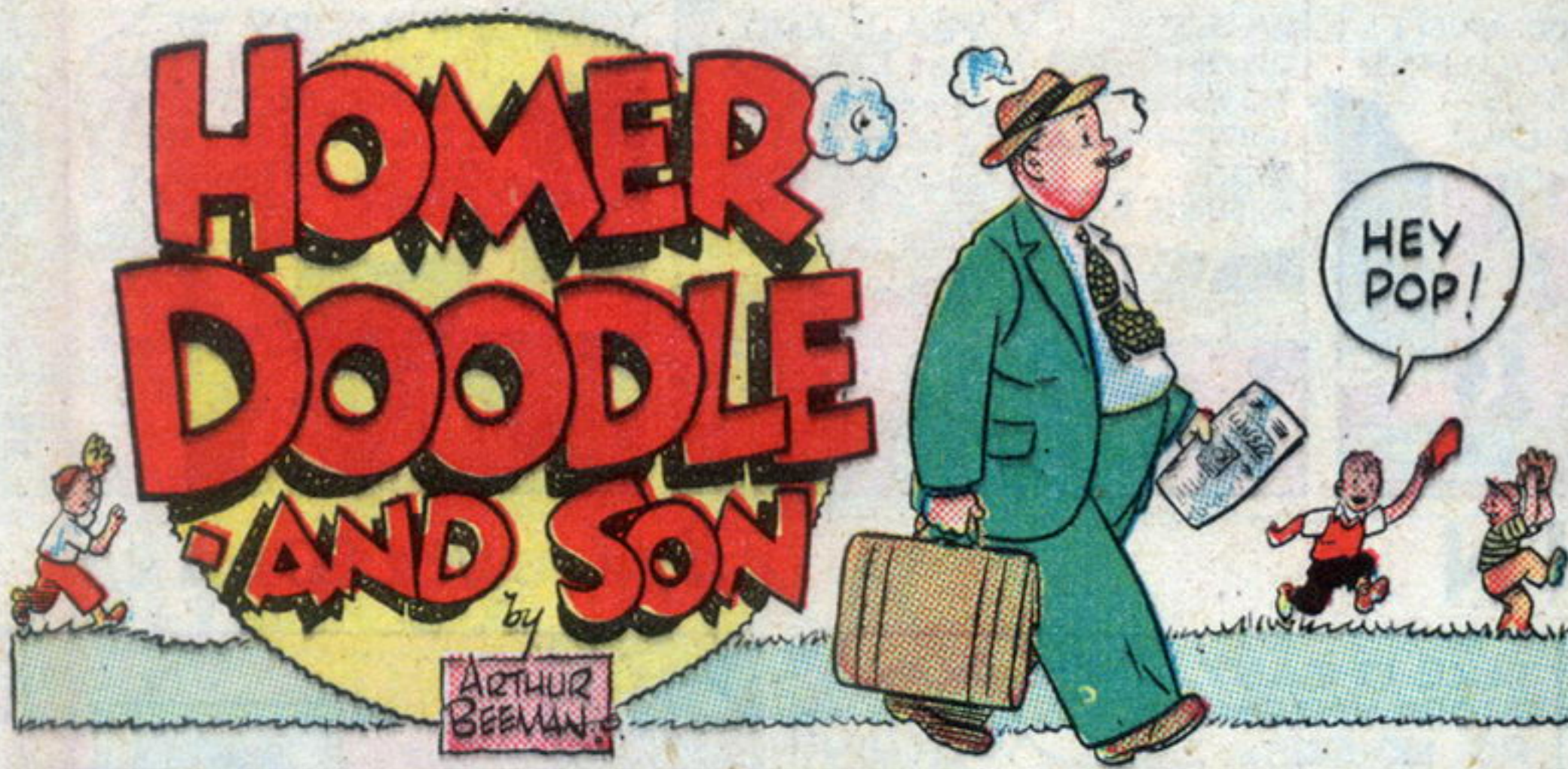


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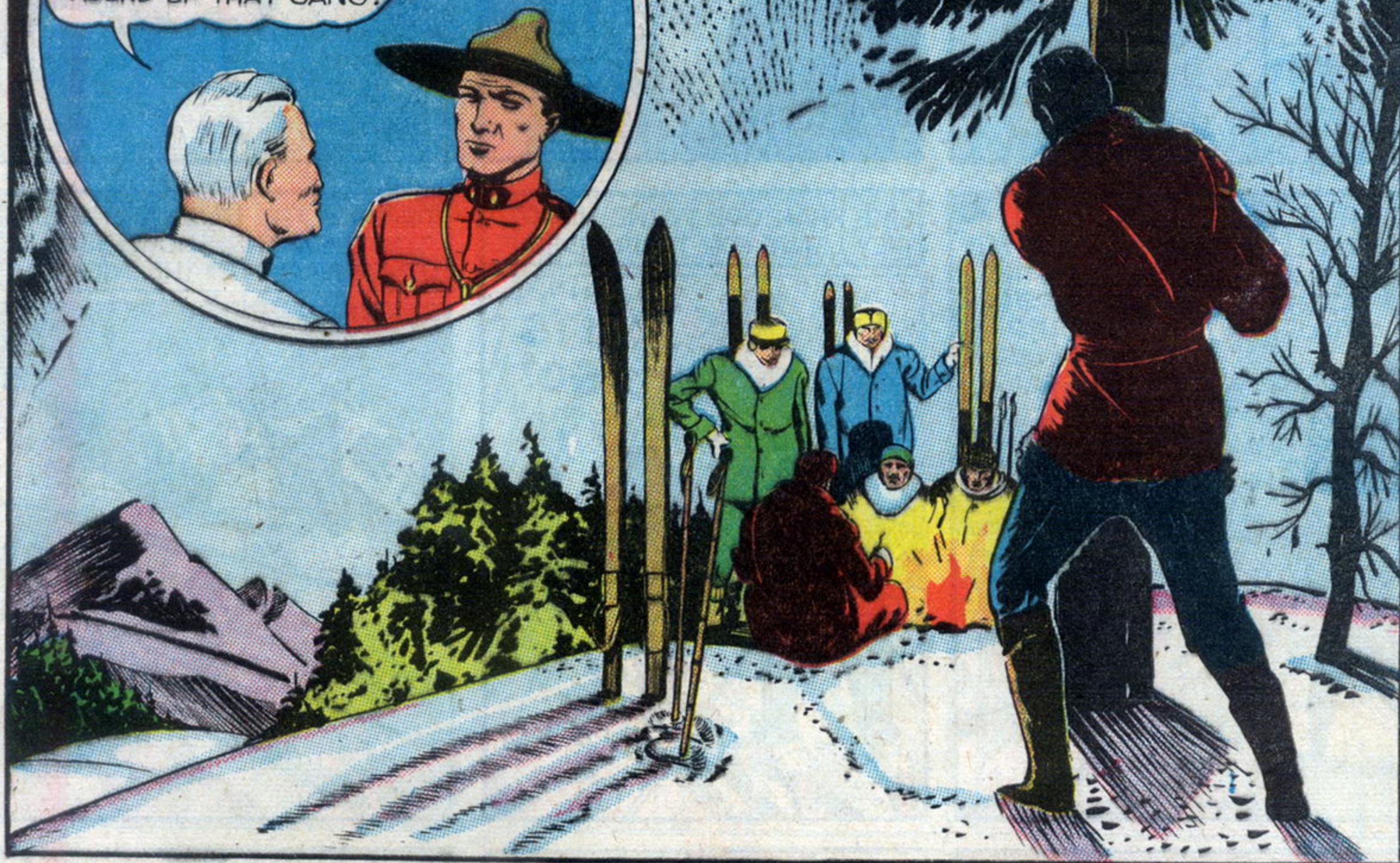


# REYNOLDS

by ART PINAYAN

## OF THE MOUNTED

SERGEANT—  
A BAND OF FUR  
THIEVES ARE PREYING  
ON THE TRAPPERS UP NORTH.  
THE STRANGE PART OF IT IS  
THAT SOMEHOW THEY DISAPPEAR  
INTO THE NIGHT AND LEAVE NO  
TRACKS... YOU'VE GOT TO  
STOP THIS THIEVRY AND  
ROUND UP THAT GANG!



IT IS NIGHT AND A LONELY  
TRAPPER'S CABIN IS SEEN  
IN THE MIDST OF A HOWLING  
BLIZZARD...



LET THE WIND HOWL....HAHA—  
WITH THE MONEY FROM  
THESE FURS YOU'RE  
GOING TO GET THAT  
COLLEGE EDUCATION  
AFTER ALL, JOHNNY—  
YES—WE'VE BEEN  
VERY LUCKY!

WAIT—  
WHAT'S  
THAT, POP?

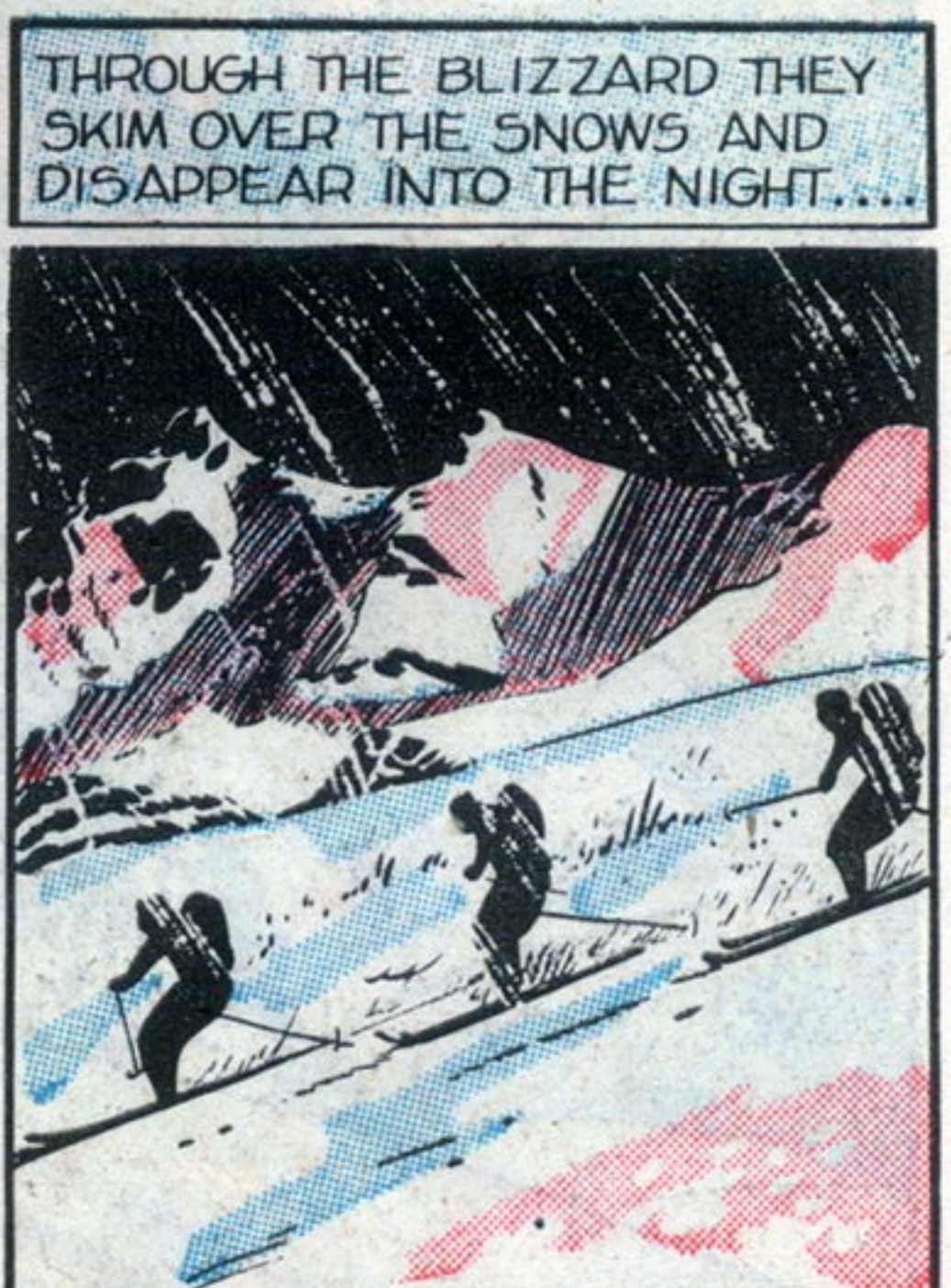
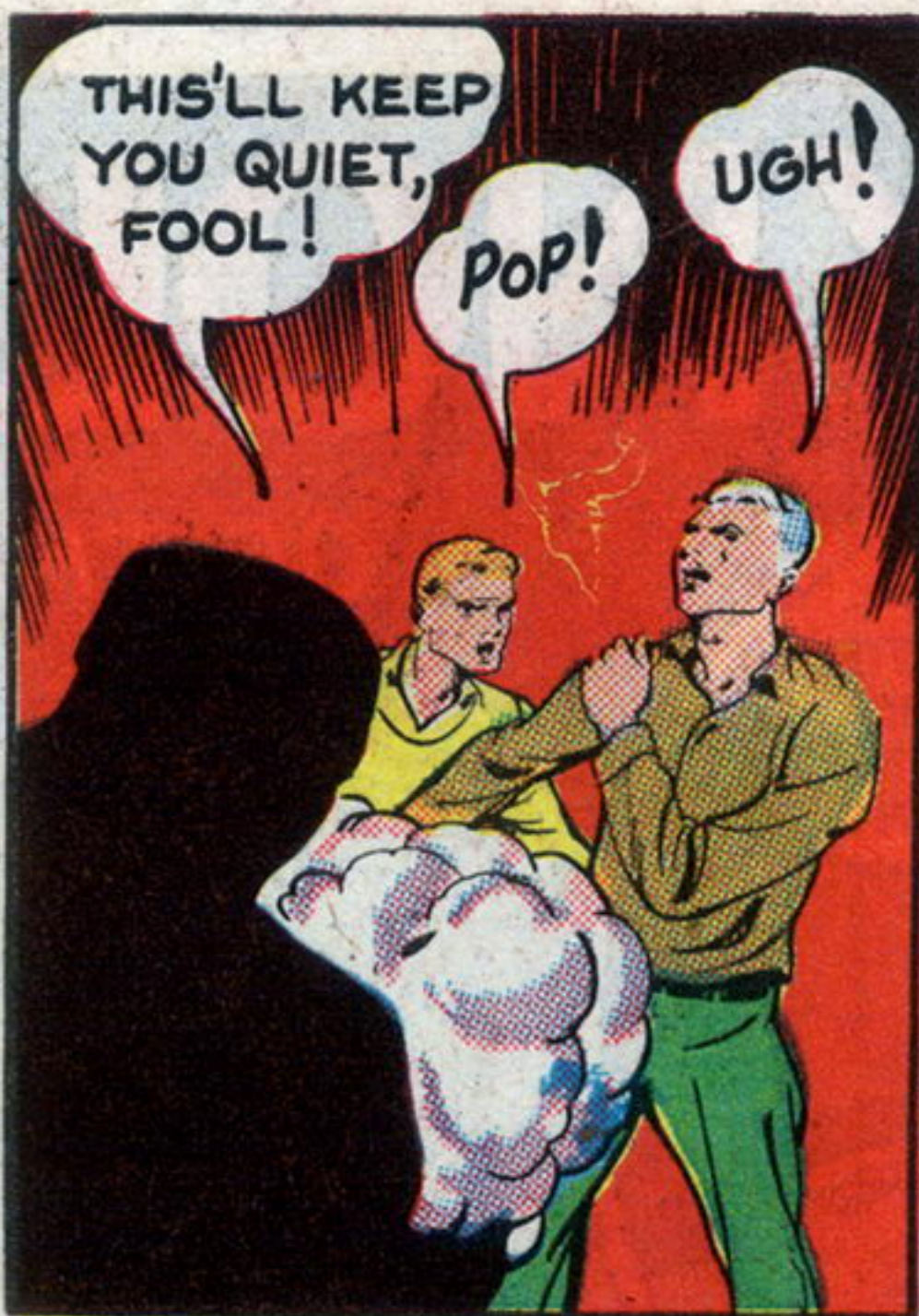


SUDDENLY THE DOOR OF THE  
CABIN IS FLUNG OPEN.....



UP WITH YOUR  
HANDS,  
WOODS!













SO YOUR HIDEOUT IS HIDDEN AMONG THESE TREES, EH?

SHUT UP, COPPER!



BLAZES! IT'S TRUE...WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT O' HERE RIGHT AWAY!



YOUR GAME IS UP, NIGHT RIDERS.... THE BOY KNOWS WHERE THIS CABIN IS-HE'LL BRING TRAPPERS HERE!

YOU FOOLS! I THOUGHT YOU LEFT 'IM TO DIE! WELL-YOU'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE, MOUNTIE!



THAT NIGHT....

GELLER! THE TRAPPERS HAVE SURROUNDED THE PLACE...WE'RE DONE FOR!

WHAT? I'LL GO OUT AND HAVE A LOOK!

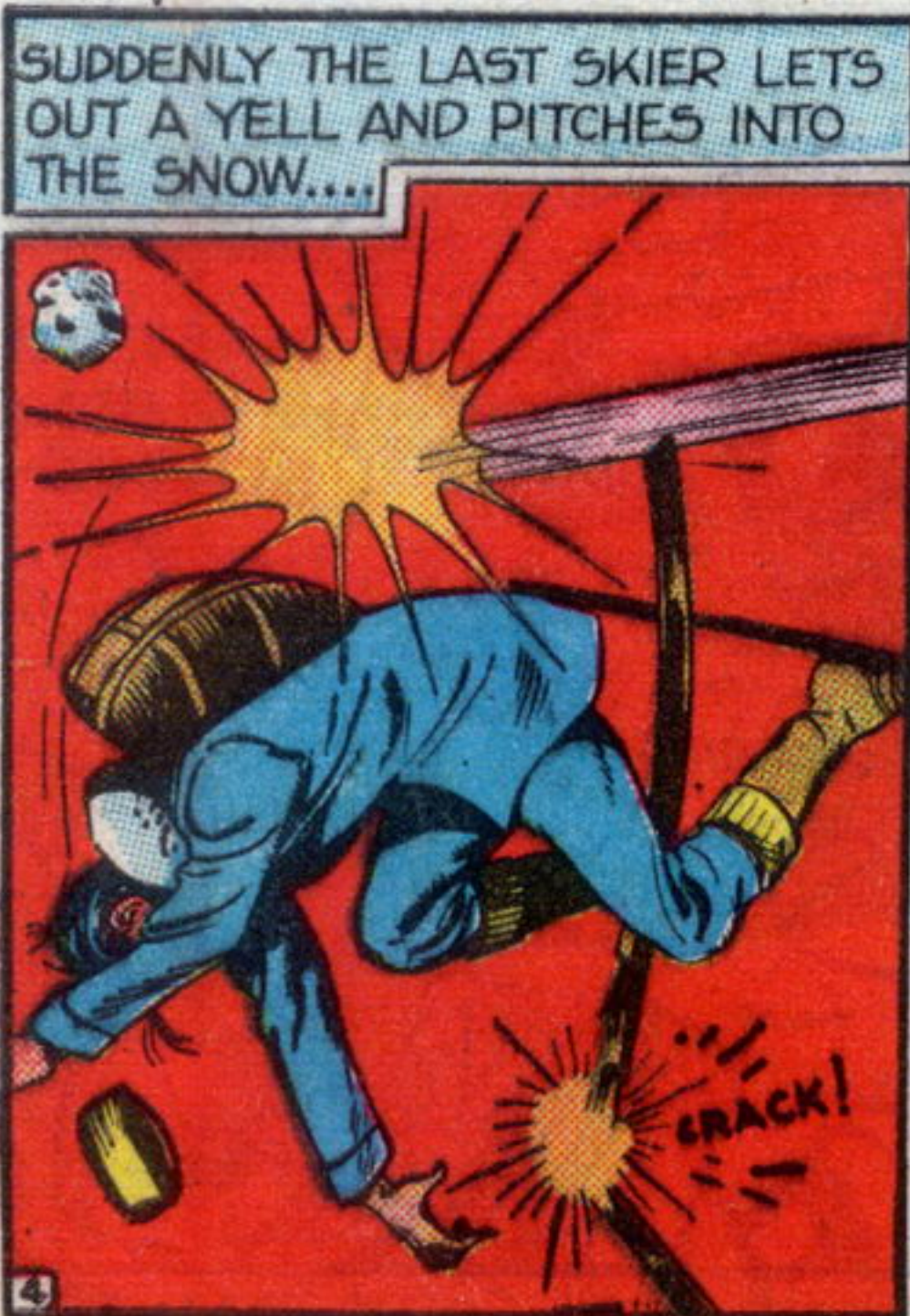


SO LONG, MOUNTIE! THE STOLEN FURS ARE PACKED AND WE'RE MOVIN' TO ALASKA WHERE YOU'LL NEVER TOUCH US!! WE'LL BE OUT OF HERE SO FAST THOSE TRAPPERS WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE US! HA HA HA!!



THE NIGHT RIDERS GLIDE OUT OF THE FOREST AND HIT THE TRAIL...

LET 'EM HAVE IT, MEN!



SUDDENLY THE LAST SKIER LETS OUT A YELL AND PITCHES INTO THE SNOW....

CRACK!



GOOD SHOT JOHNNY! THAT ROCKY SNOWBALL NAILED HIM!

ROUND TWO COMIN' UP! LET'S GO, POP!



THE NIGHT RIDERS ZOOM LOW UNDER A HIGH SNOW EMBANKMENT..

LET 'ER GO!



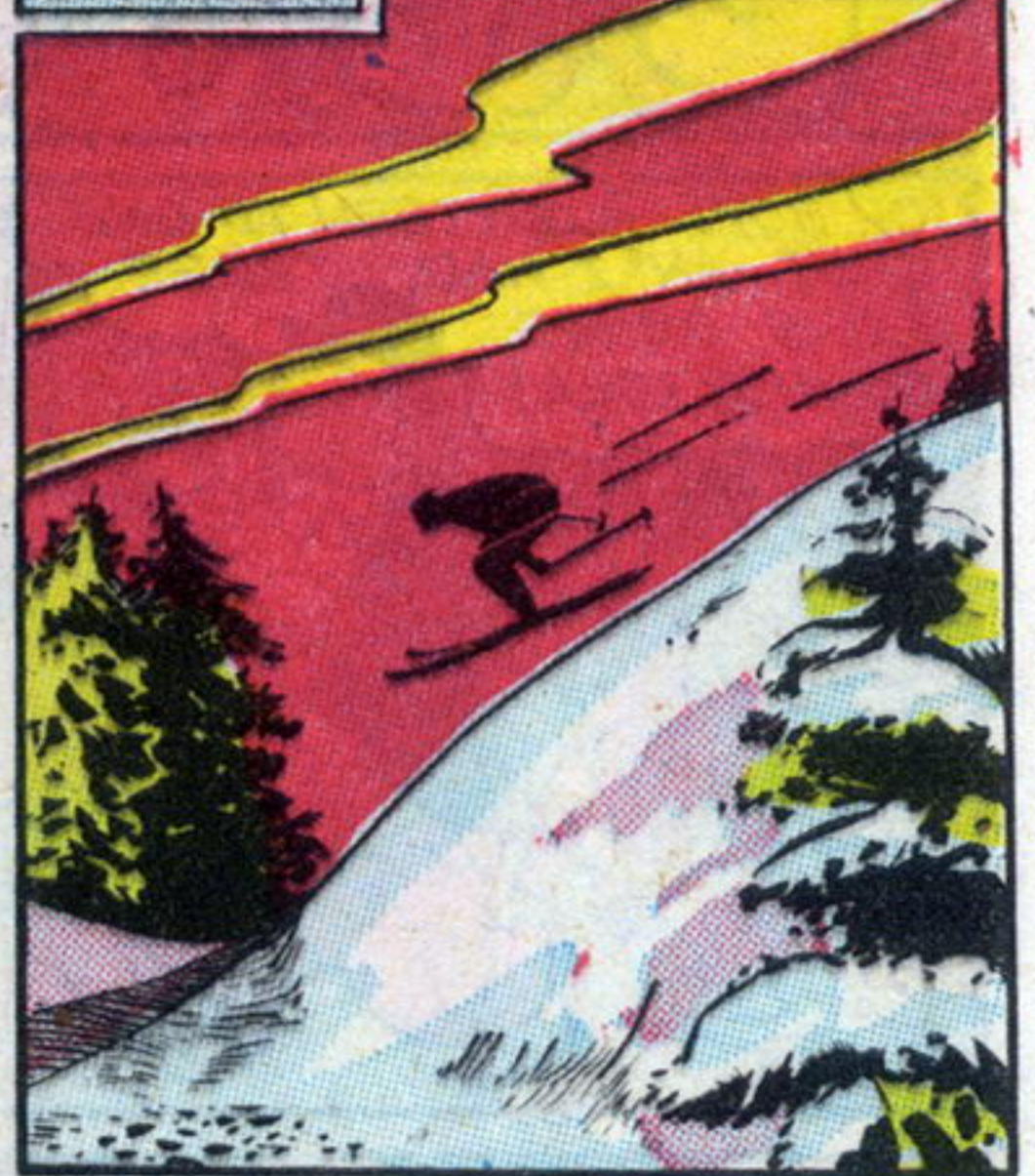


MEANWHILE, REYNOLDS HAS WORKED HIS BONDS LOOSE....



IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHTNING HE FOLLOWS THE TRACKS OF HIS ENEMIES...



TWO OF THE NIGHT RIDERS GO DOWN.....



GREAT SCOTT! THERE GO TWO OF THE NIGHT RIDERS...WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER THREE -- A SHORTCUT WILL DO THE TRICK!



I'LL HAVE TO LEAP OVER THAT TREE...



...MADE IT -- HERE THEY COME!



YOU NIGHT RIDERS WILL SPEND YOUR NIGHTS IN JAIL AFTER THIS!



YOU SEE -- POP AND I USED THESE OLD COATS AND HATS TO SCARE THE NIGHT RIDERS AWAY, SERGEANT!

FAST THINKING SON -- THANKS A LOT!

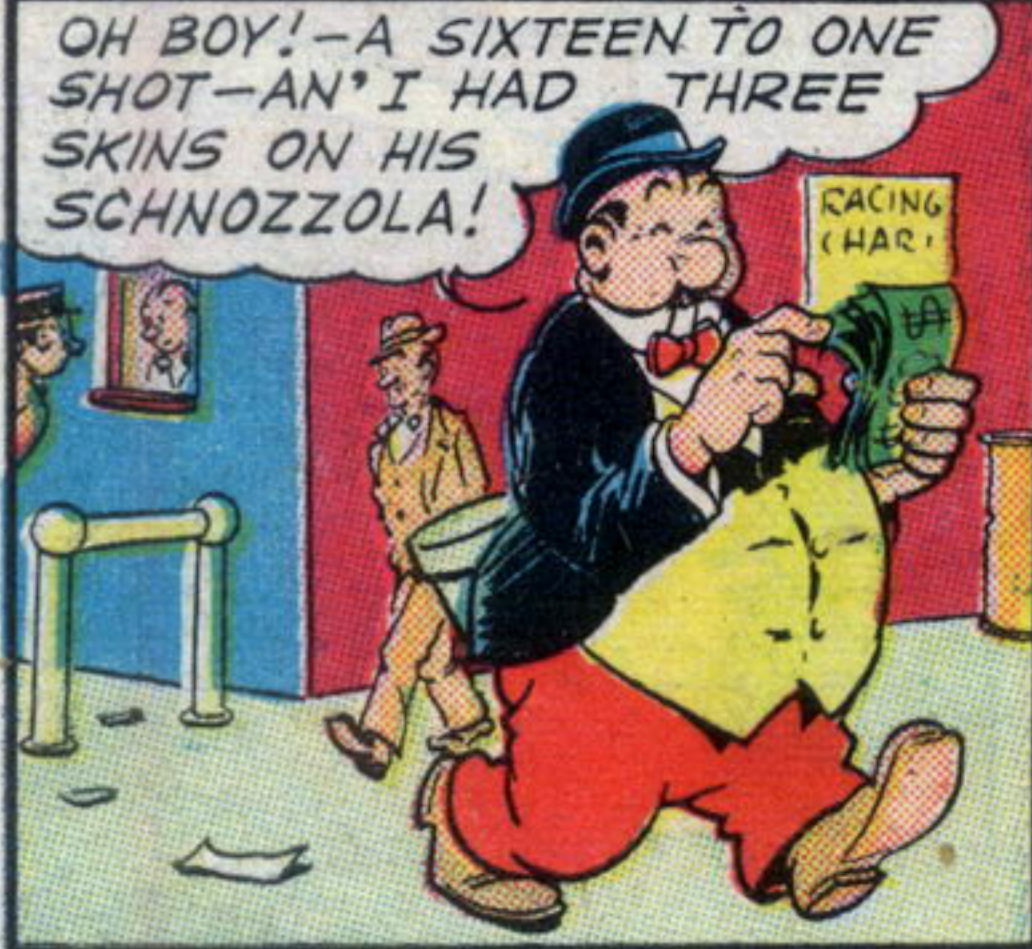
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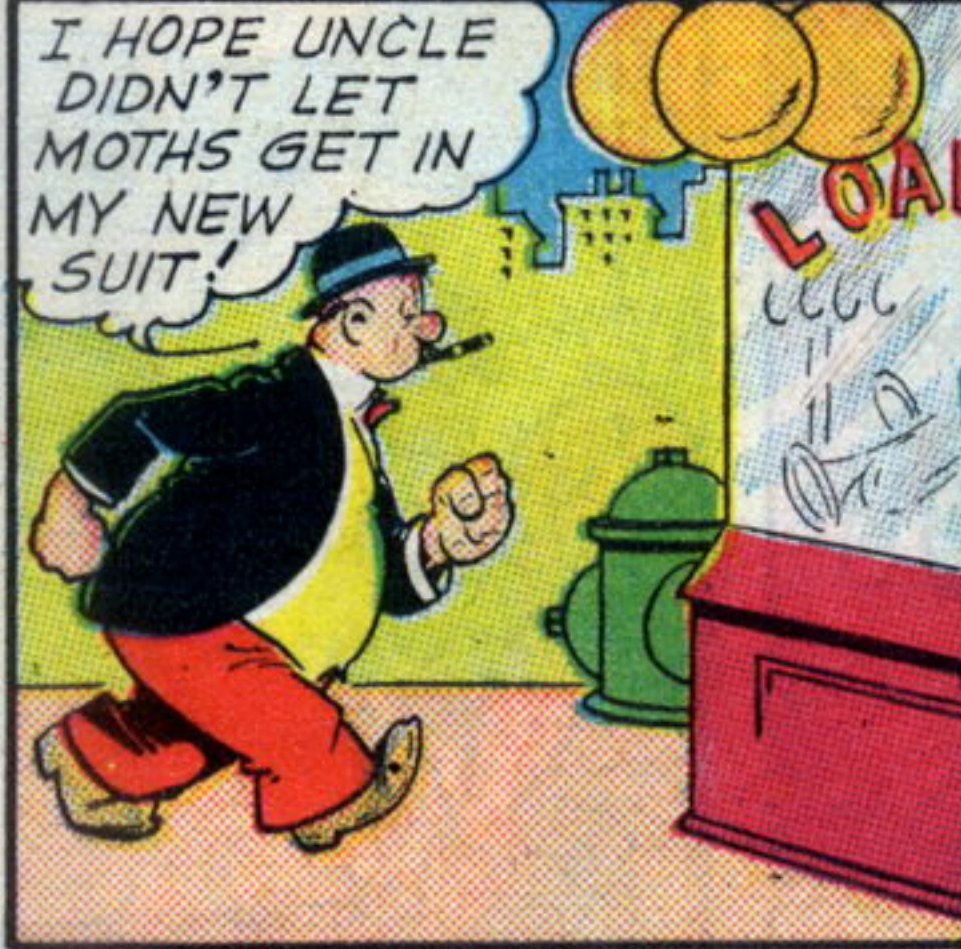
# LALA PALOOZA

FLAT  
FOOT  
FLOOGIE  
WINS

OH BOY!—A SIXTEEN TO ONE  
SHOT—AN' I HAD THREE  
SKINS ON HIS  
SCHNOZZOLA!



I HOPE UNCLE  
DIDN'T LET  
MOTHS GET IN  
MY NEW  
SUIT!



NOW, I'LL STOP IN THE  
BARBER'S AND THEN  
HOME FOR A  
SHOWER!



WHO THREW  
THE OVERALLS  
IN MISSUS  
MURPHY'S  
CHOWDER

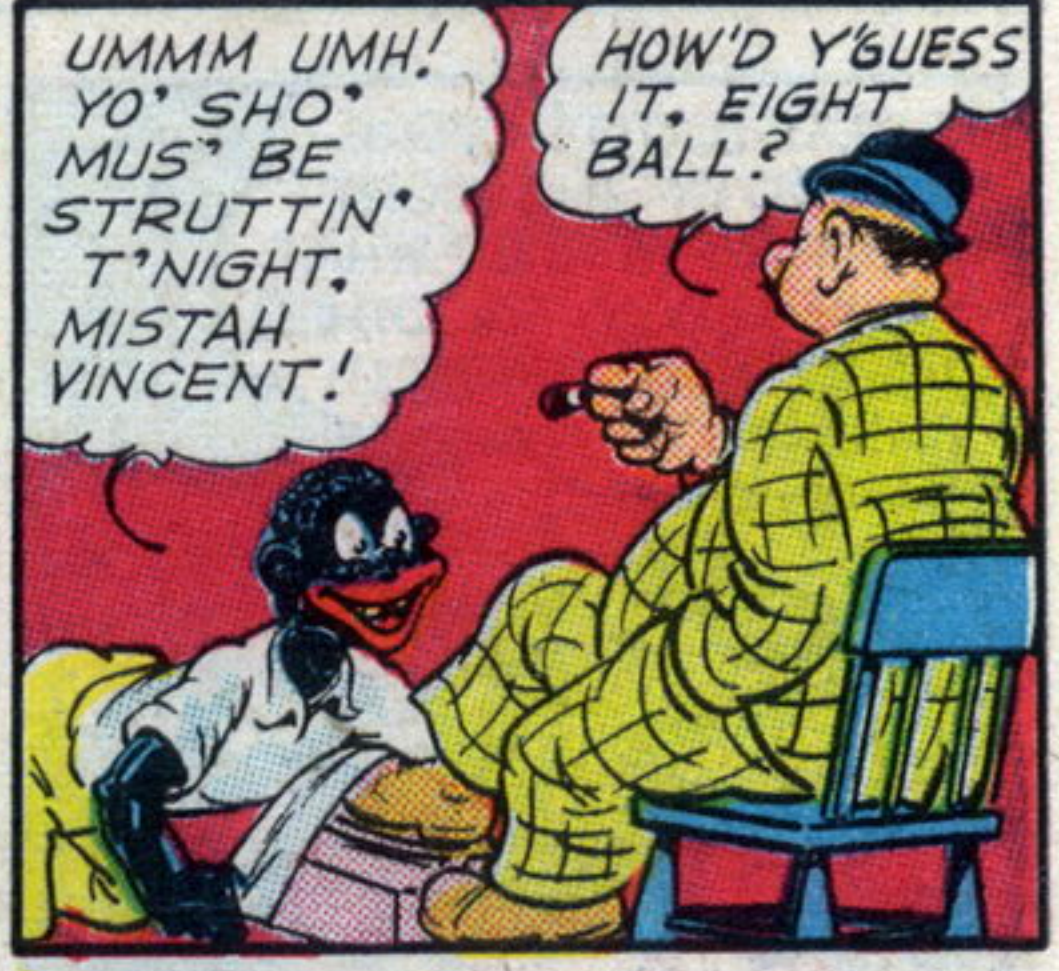


A FEW DASHES OF LALA'S  
PERFUME...

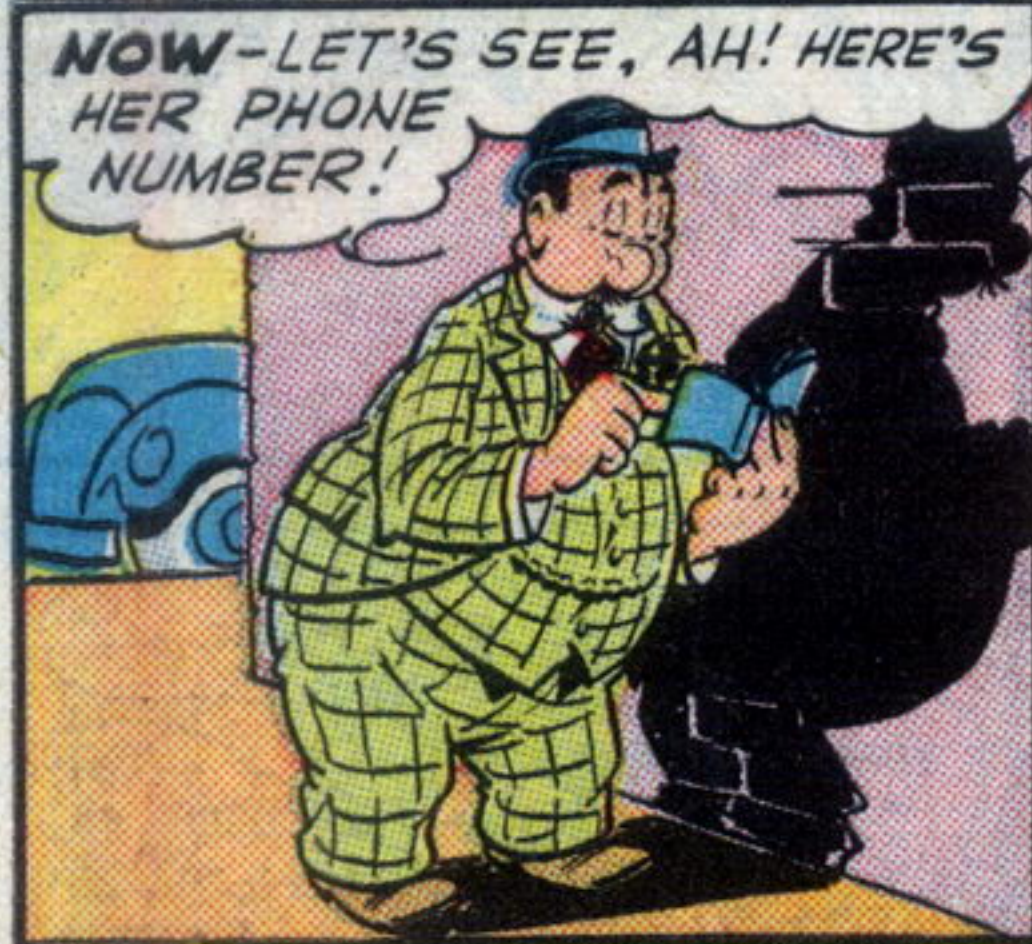


UMMM UMH!  
YO' SHO'  
MUS' BE  
STRUTTIN'  
T'NIGHT,  
MISTAH  
VINCENT!

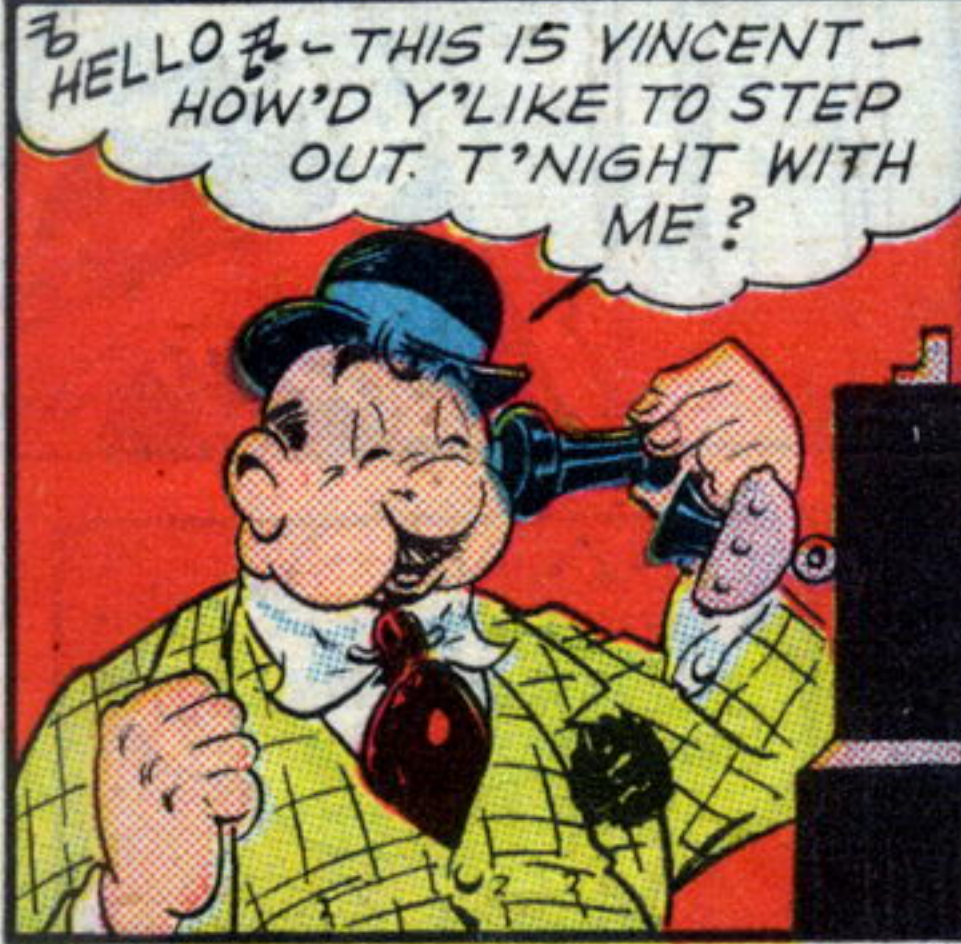
HOW'D Y'GUESS  
IT, EIGHT  
BALL?



NOW—LET'S SEE, AH! HERE'S  
HER PHONE  
NUMBER!



HELLO—THIS IS VINCENT—  
HOW'D Y'LIKE TO STEP  
OUT, T'NIGHT WITH  
ME?

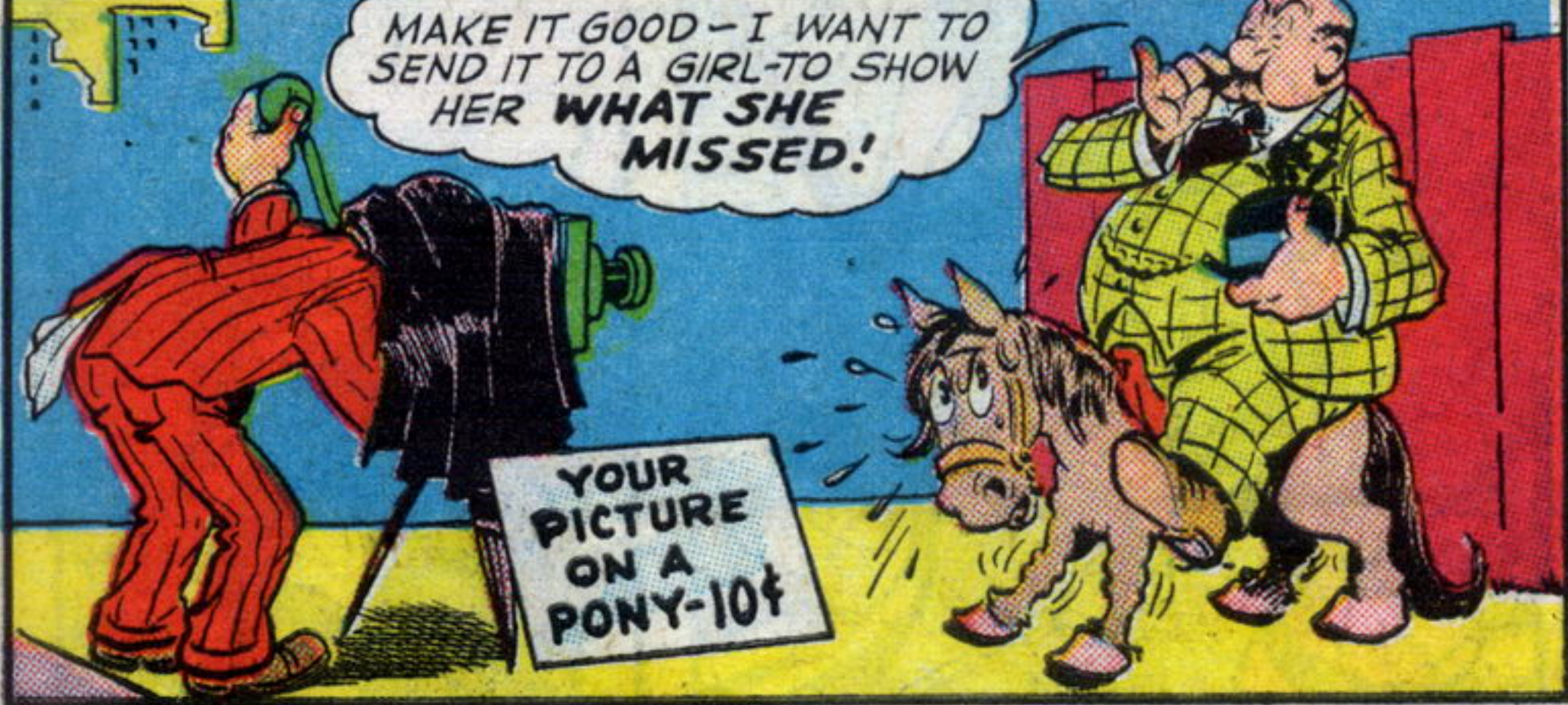


OF ALL  
THE  
☆☆☆  
!!!

HEY, YOU—  
C'MERE!

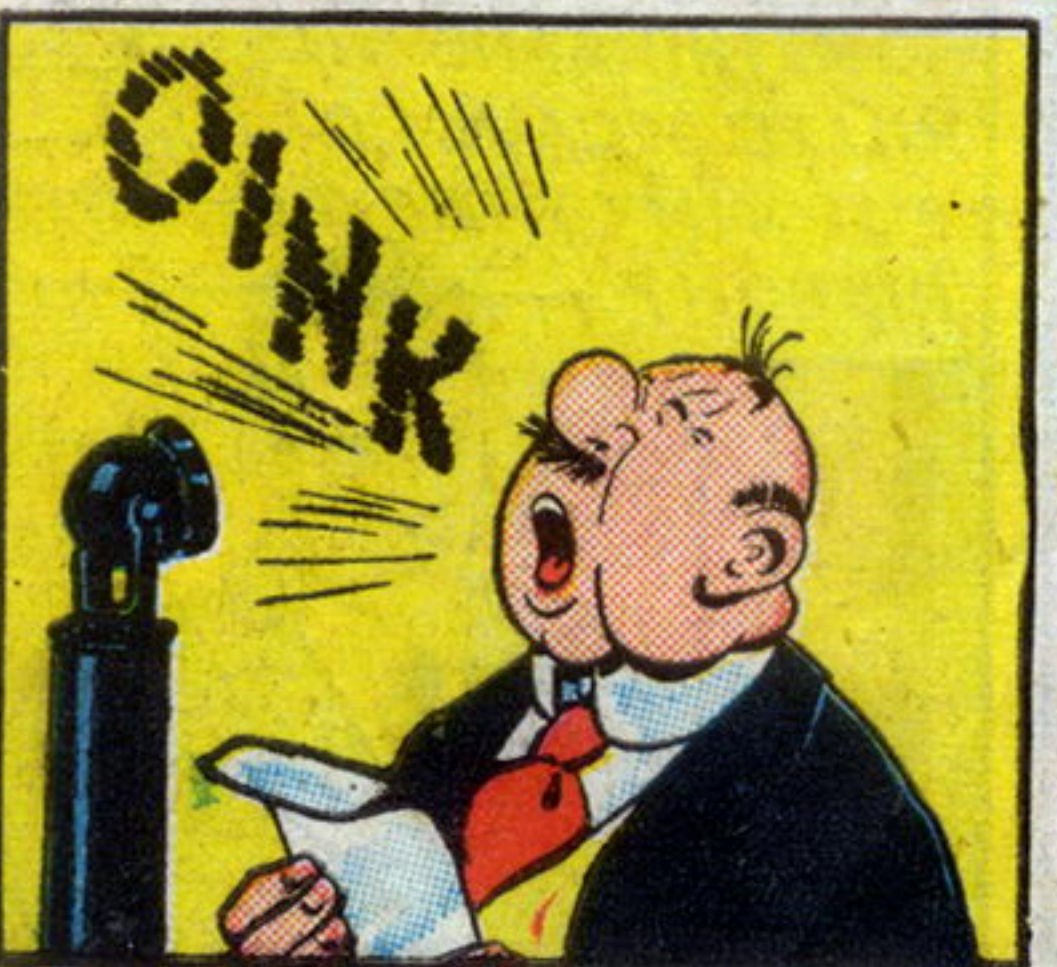
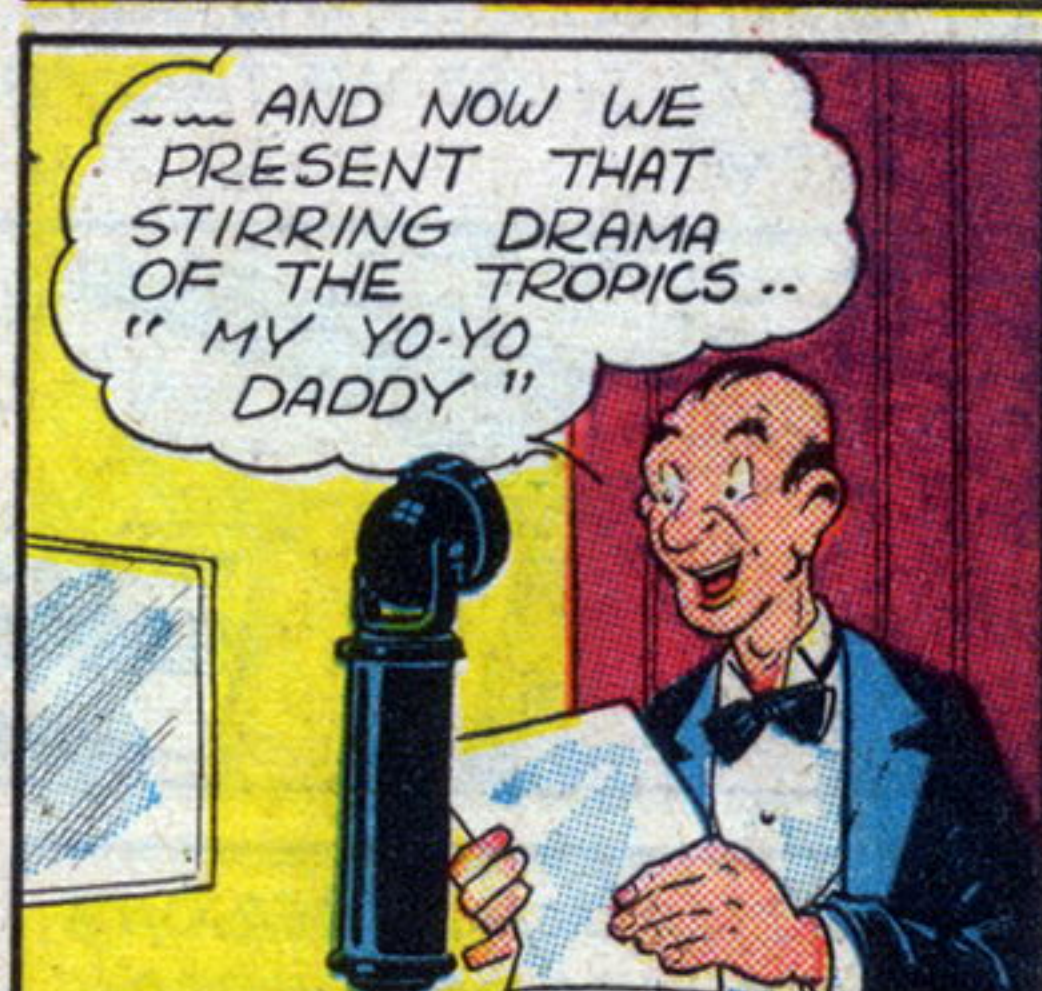
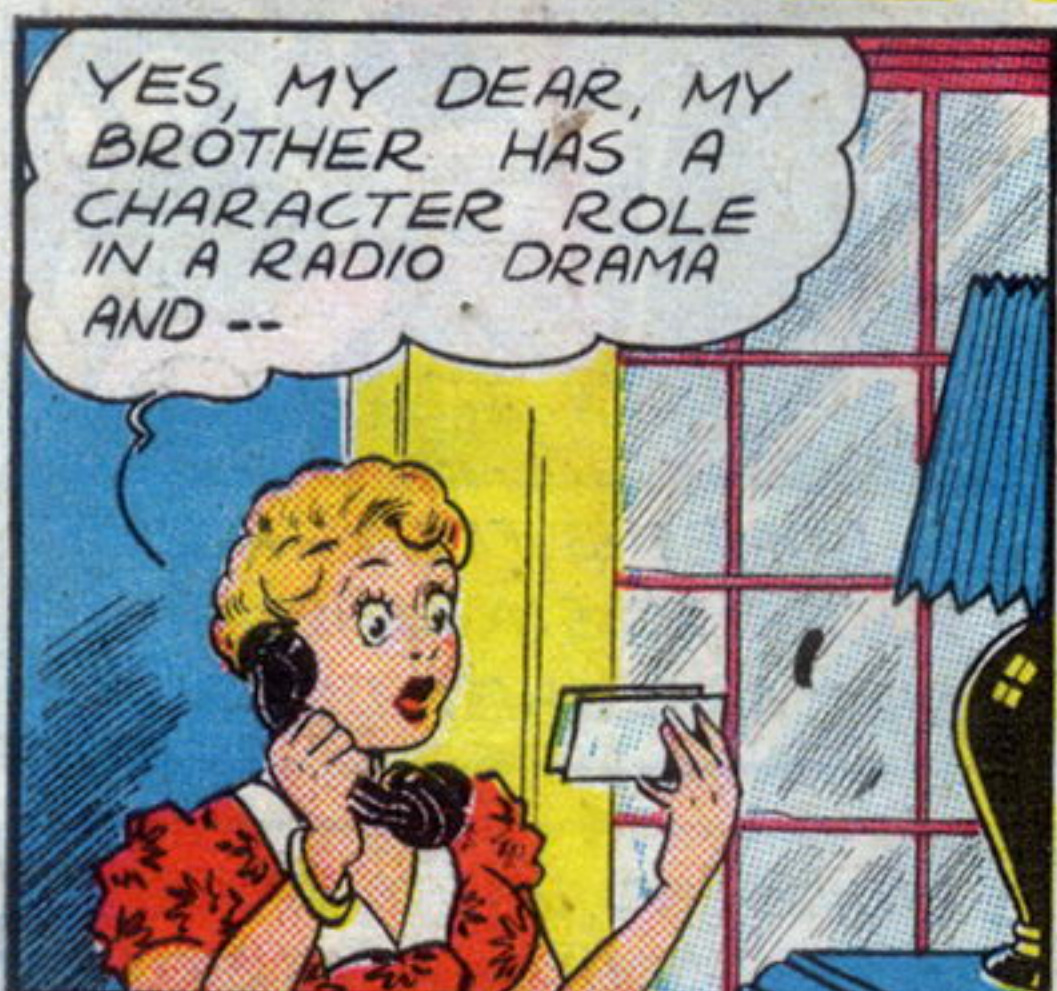
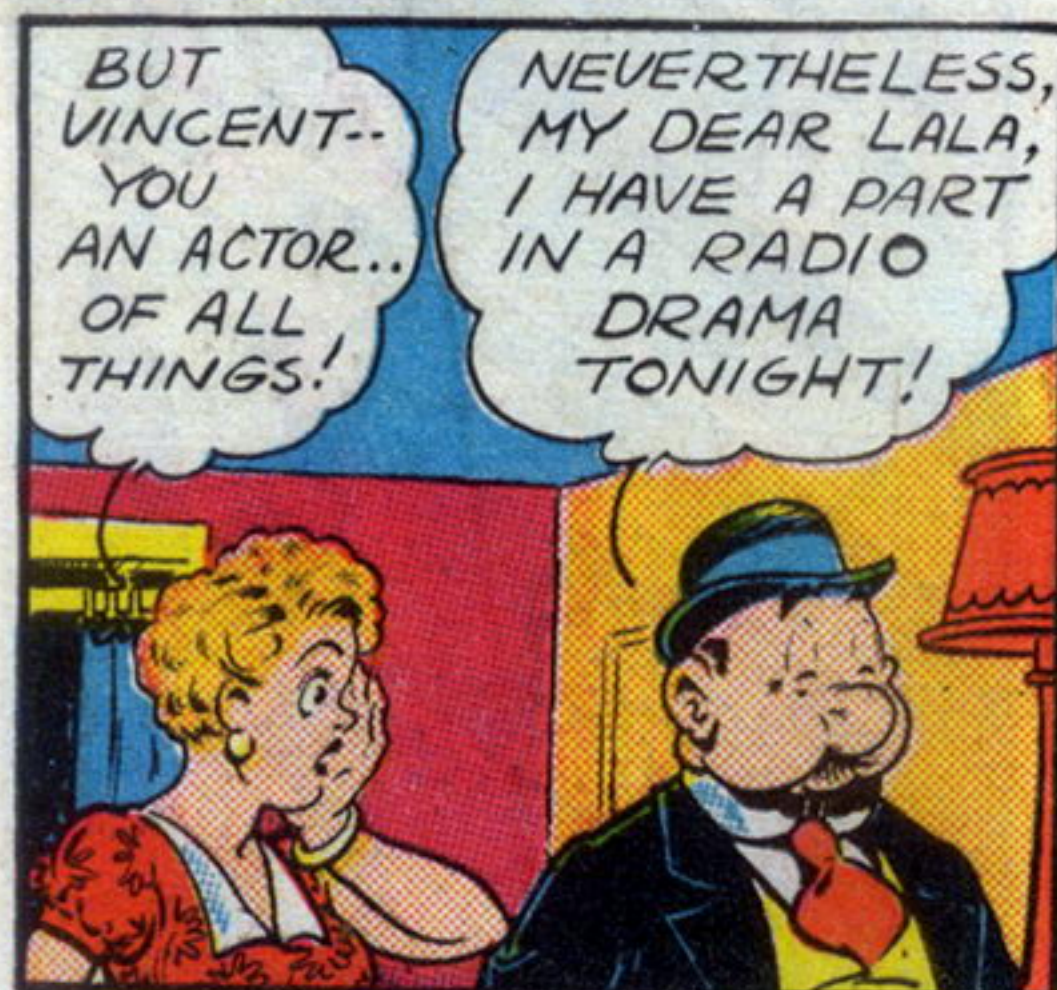


MAKE IT GOOD—I WANT TO  
SEND IT TO A GIRL—TO SHOW  
HER WHAT SHE  
MISSED!





# LALA PALOOZA



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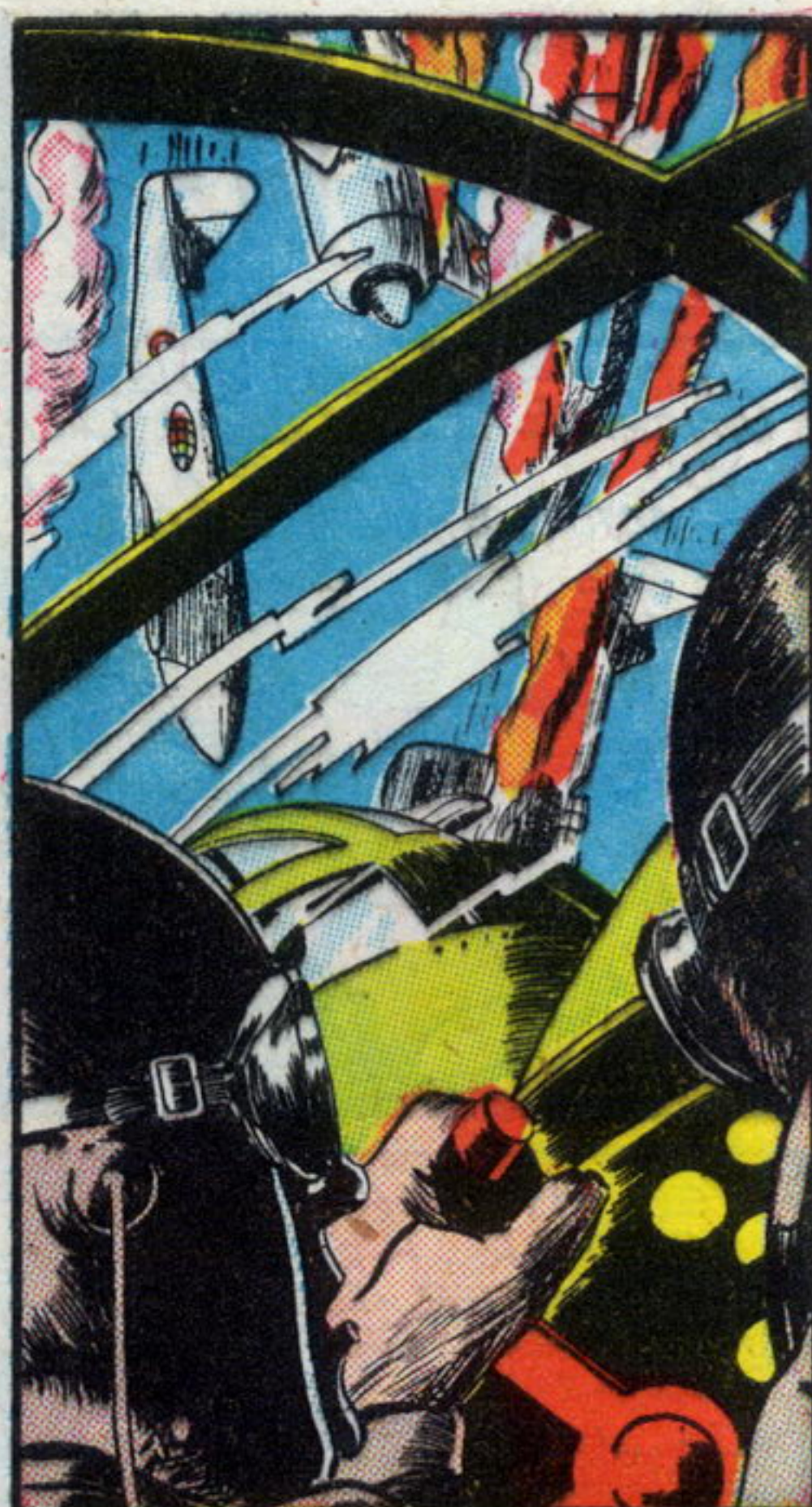
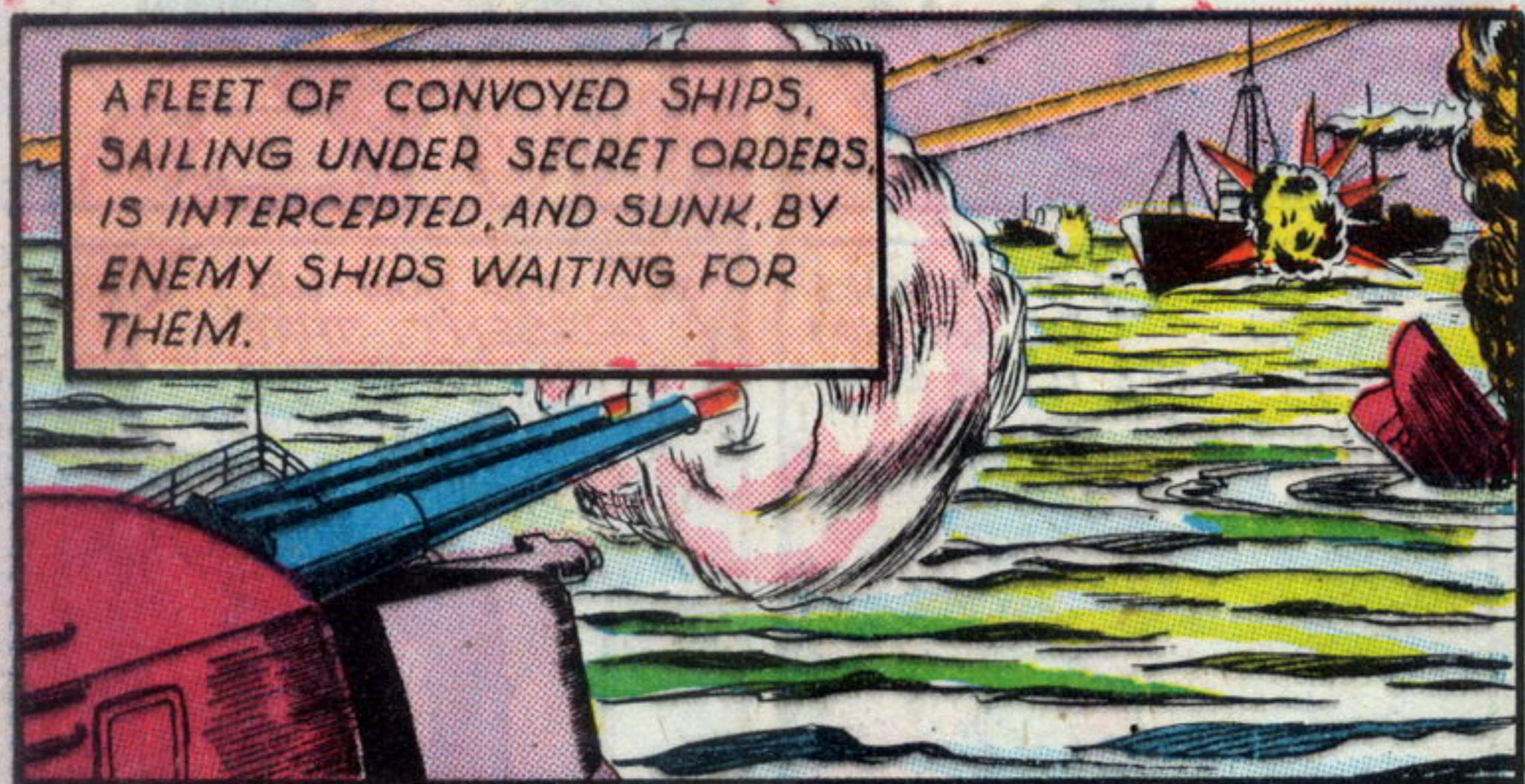
# Captain BRUCE BLACKBURN

by Harry Francis Campbell

CAPT. BRUCE BLACKBURN, ACE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND HIS DOUBLE, JACKSON, HAVE MET A WORTHY ADVERSARY IN SONYA, SPY SUPREME, AND DAUGHTER OF THE NOTORIOUS FRAULEIN DOKTOR

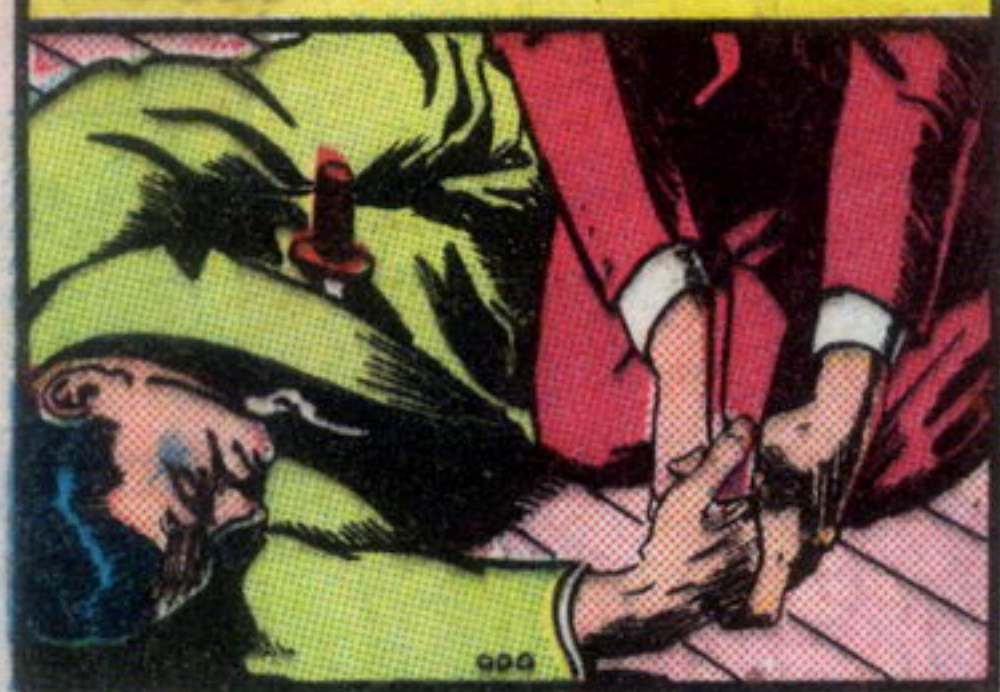
COUNTERSPY

RIBBONS OF DEATH



12 BOMBERS, FLYING A SECRET ROUTE TO ENGLAND, ARE MET, AND SHOT DOWN—

AND A DISPATCH BEARER, ON A SECRET MISSION, IS INTERCEPTED, MURDERED, AND ROBBED.



MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CALLS IN ITS ACE, BRUCE BLACKBURN.

COLONEL JORDAN, THE ONE THING COMMON TO THESE 3 INCIDENTS IS—THE SECRET ORDERS CAME FROM THE CODE ROOM!



THAT'S RIGHT, BRUCE, BUT—

I KNOW NO ONE IS WORKING IN THE CODE ROOM TONIGHT, BUT I'LL SNOOP AROUND THERE FOR AWHILE!



GO TO IT, BRUCE!

OUTSIDE THE CODE ROOM.



HELP! THERE'S A DEAD MAN IN THERE!

OUR AGENT, SIMPSON, KNIFED, AND CLUTCHING A TYPEWRITER RIBBON IN HIS HAND! THAT'S ODD!



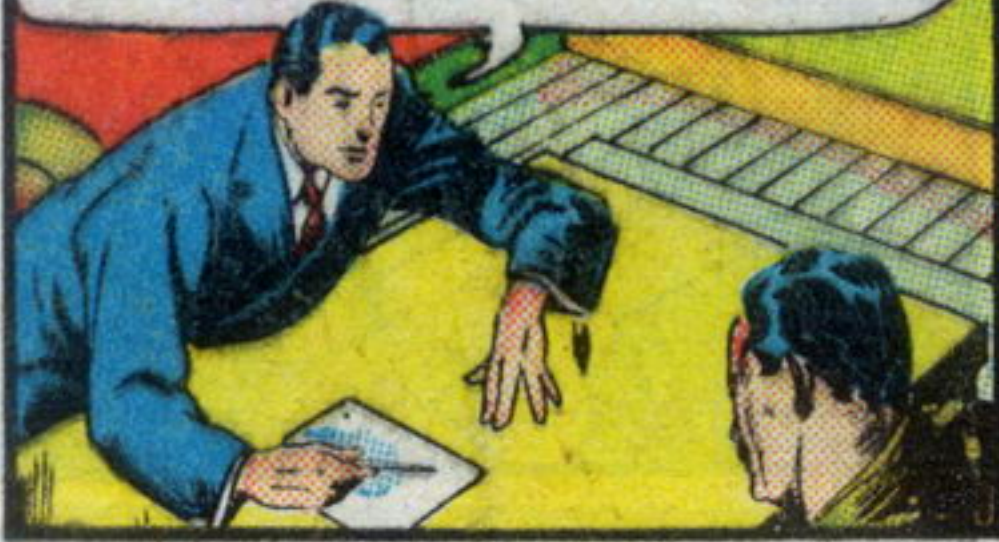
EVIDENTLY HE DISCOVERED SOMETHING, AND WAS KILLED BECAUSE OF IT! BUT WHY THE TYPEWRITER RIBBON?





THE NEXT MORNING —

COLONEL, TO PLAY **SAFE**, CHANGE THE PERSONNEL IN THE CODE ROOM TODAY - BUT I FEEL THE **SPY WORKS AT NIGHT!**



LATER, WITH HIS DOUBLE ----

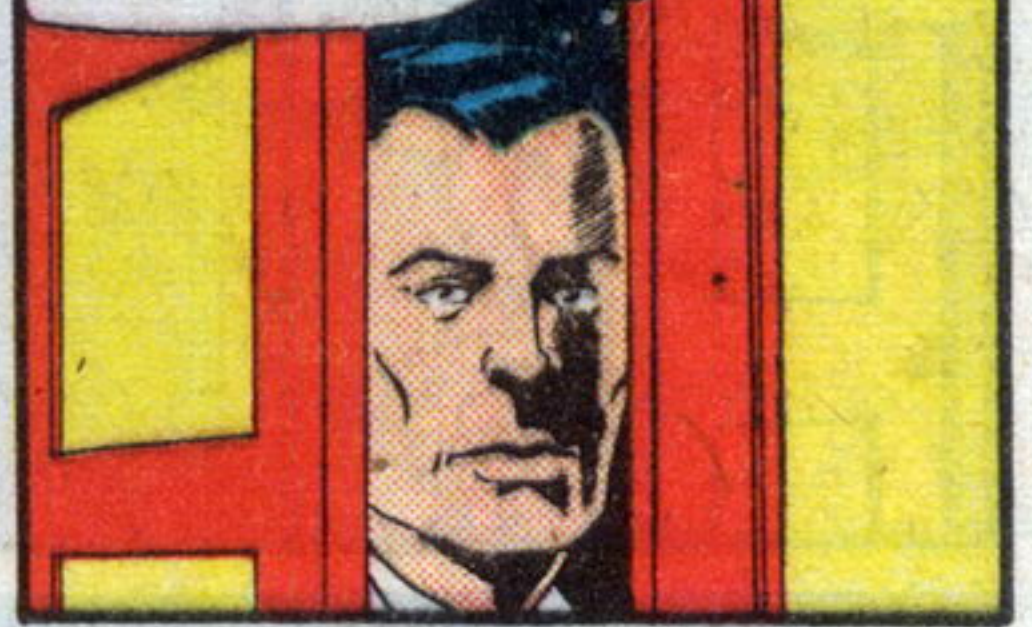
JACKSON, I'M HIDING IN THE CODE ROOM CLOSET TONIGHT. IF I **LEAVE**, **FOLLOW ME!**



I KNOW! IF YOU'RE OUT OF MY SIGHT FOR **45 MINUTES**, I COME TO THE RESCUE.

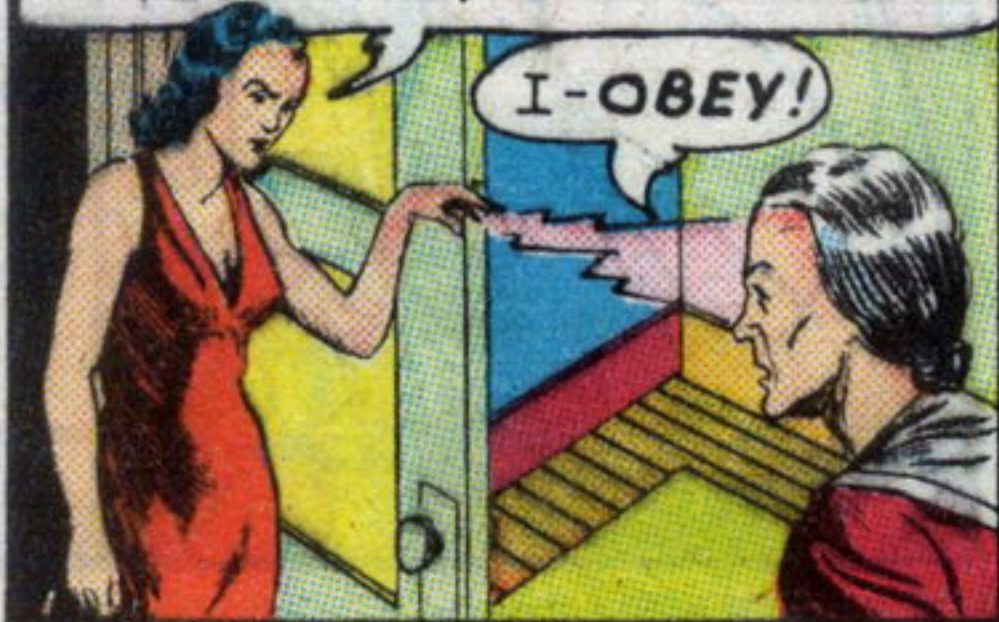
THAT NIGHT, BRUCE GOES INTO THE CODE ROOM CLOSET.

I CAN WATCH THROUGH THIS CRACK.



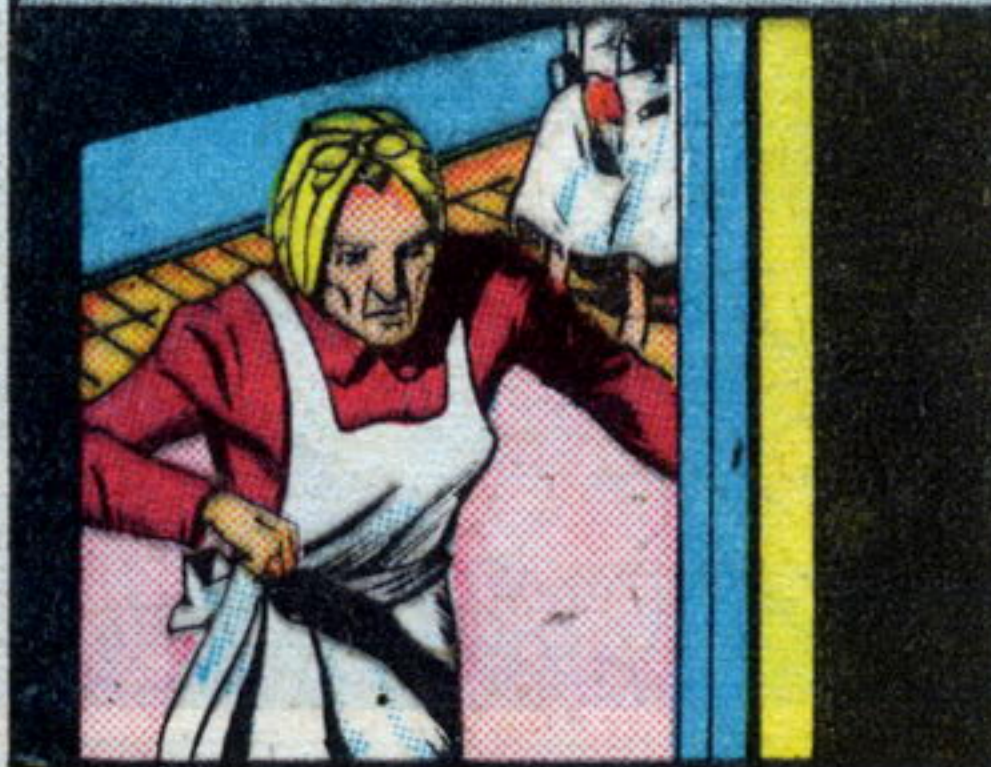
MEANWHILE, AT THE HOME OF THE CODE ROOM CHAR-WOMAN, THE SPY, SONYA —

AH, OLD ONE, **SLEEP-SLEEP.**

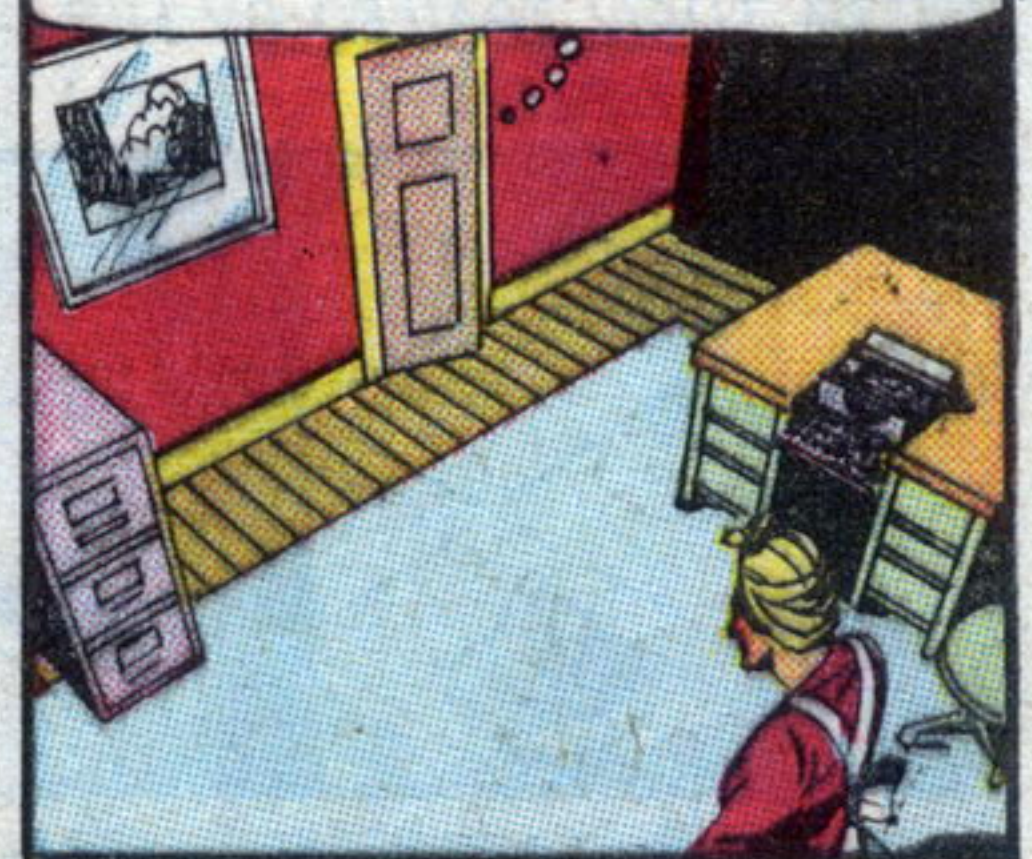


I - OBEY!

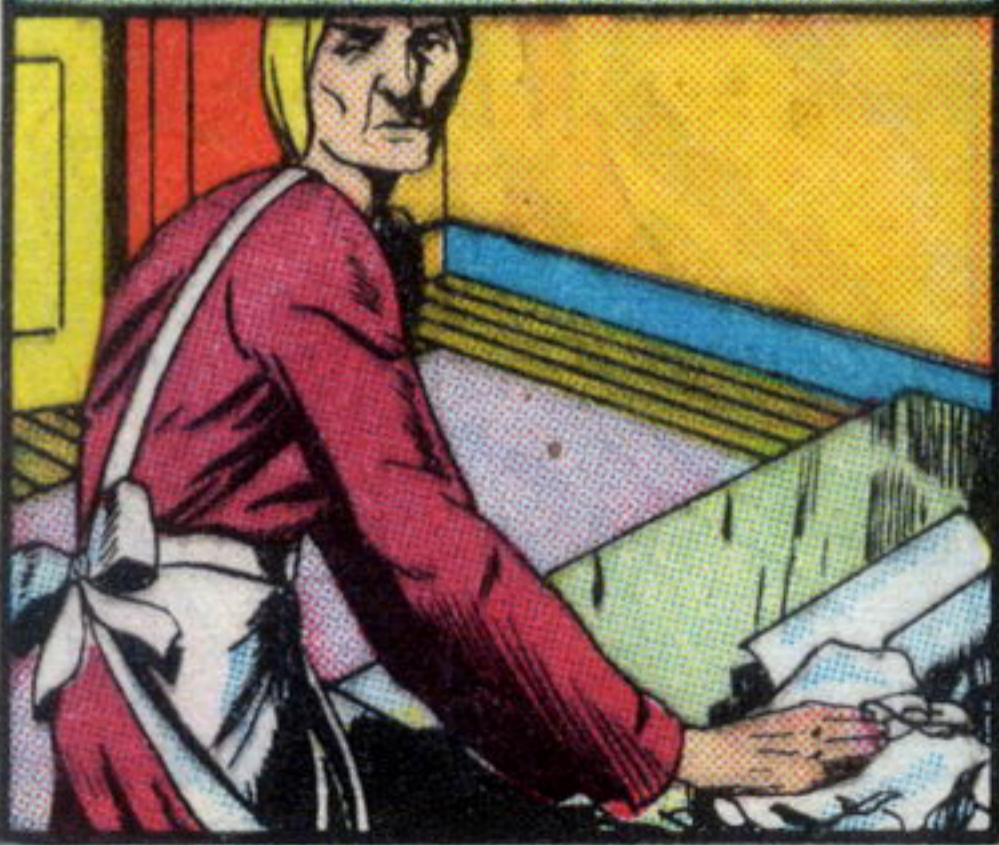
AND WITH ARTFUL DISGUISE, SONYA BECOMES THE CHAR-WOMAN.



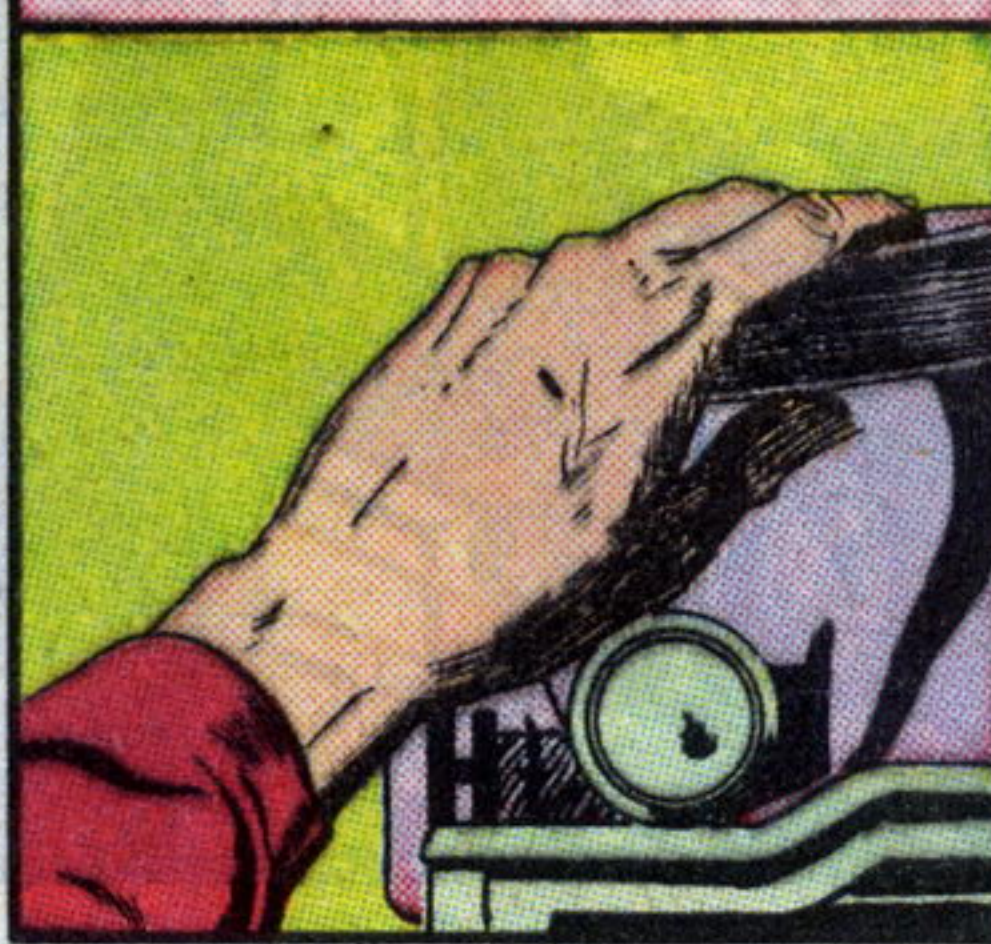
HERE'S THE CLEANING WOMAN WHO FOUND SIMPSON'S BODY.



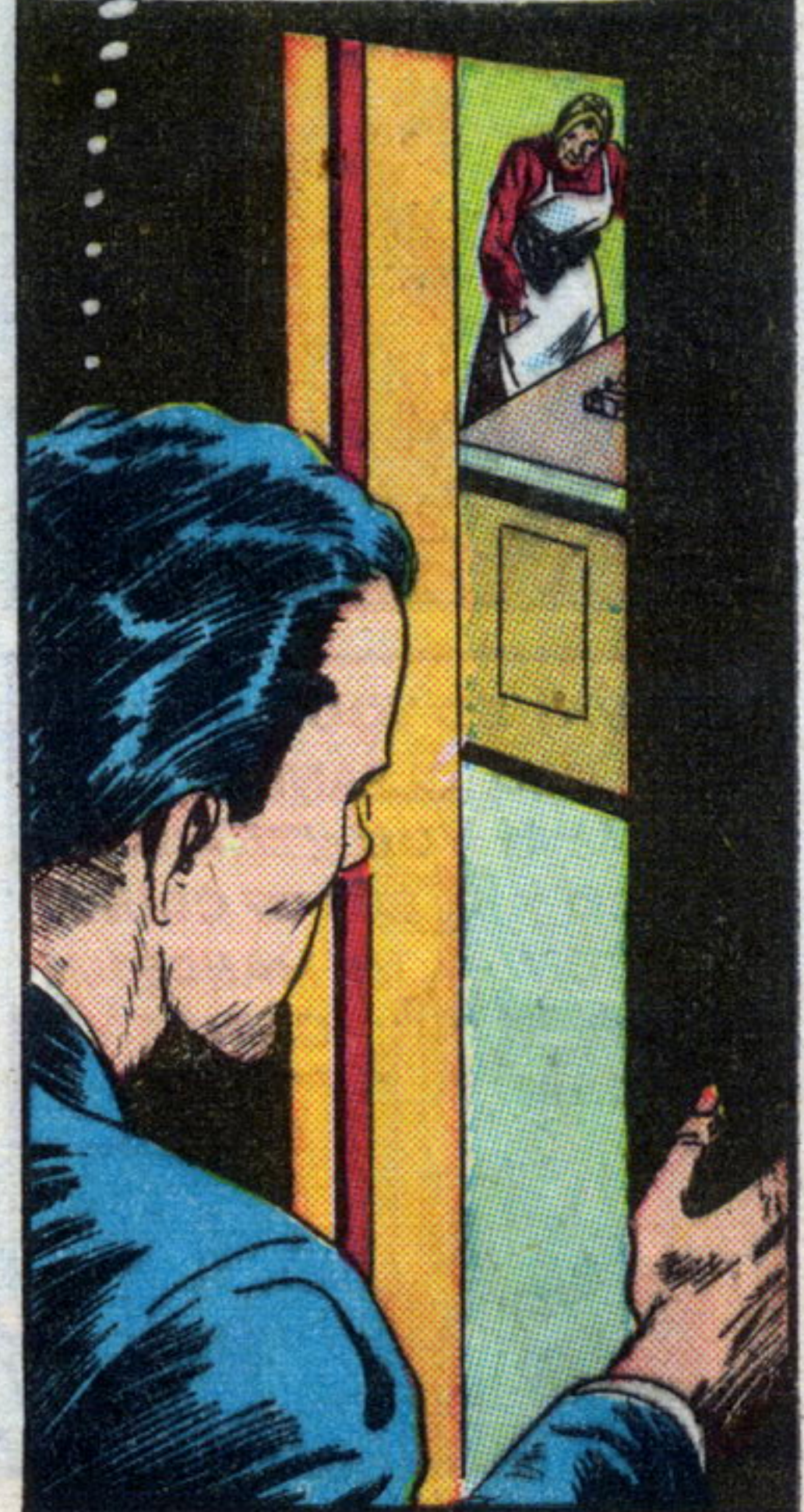
AS SHE DUSTS THE TYPEWRITER DESK —



SHE REMOVES THE RIBBON



HEY! WHY DID SHE PUT THAT RIBBON IN HER POCKET?



SHE PUTS ON A NEW RIBBON.



SINCE WHEN DID CLEANING WOMEN HAVE TO CHANGE TYPEWRITER RIBBONS?





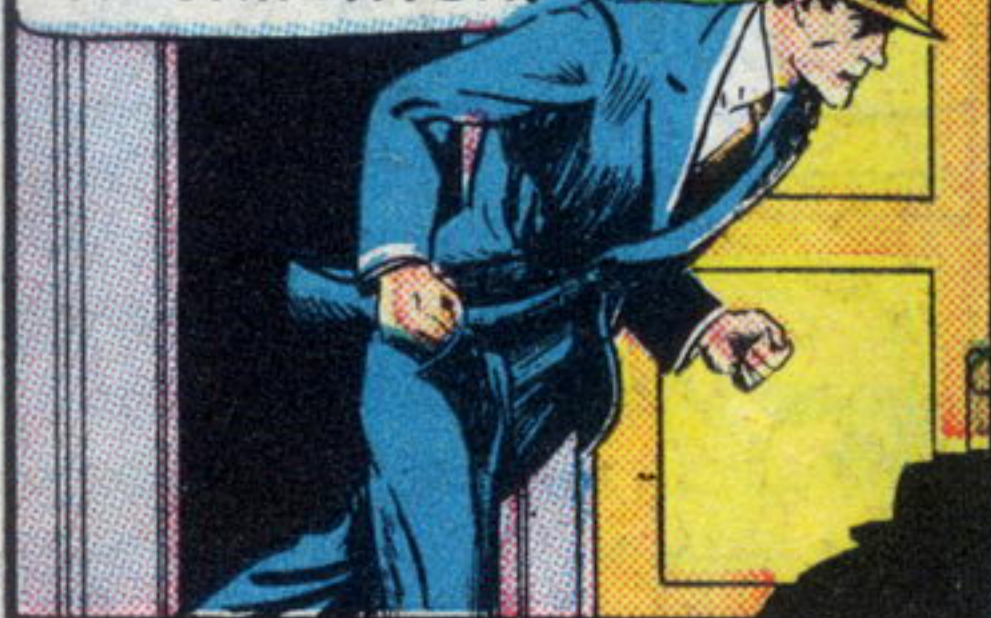
AS THE CHAR-WOMAN LEAVES

AND WHY MUST SHE TAKE THE OLD RIBBON EVERY NIGHT AND PUT ON A NEW ONE!

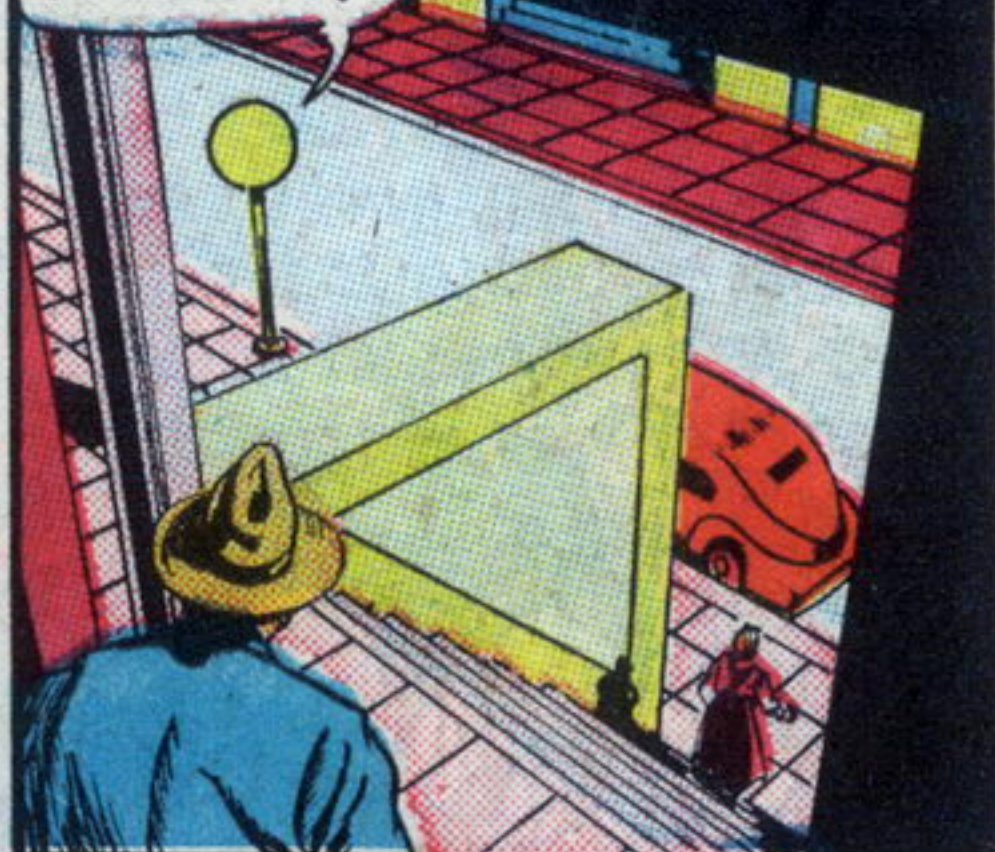


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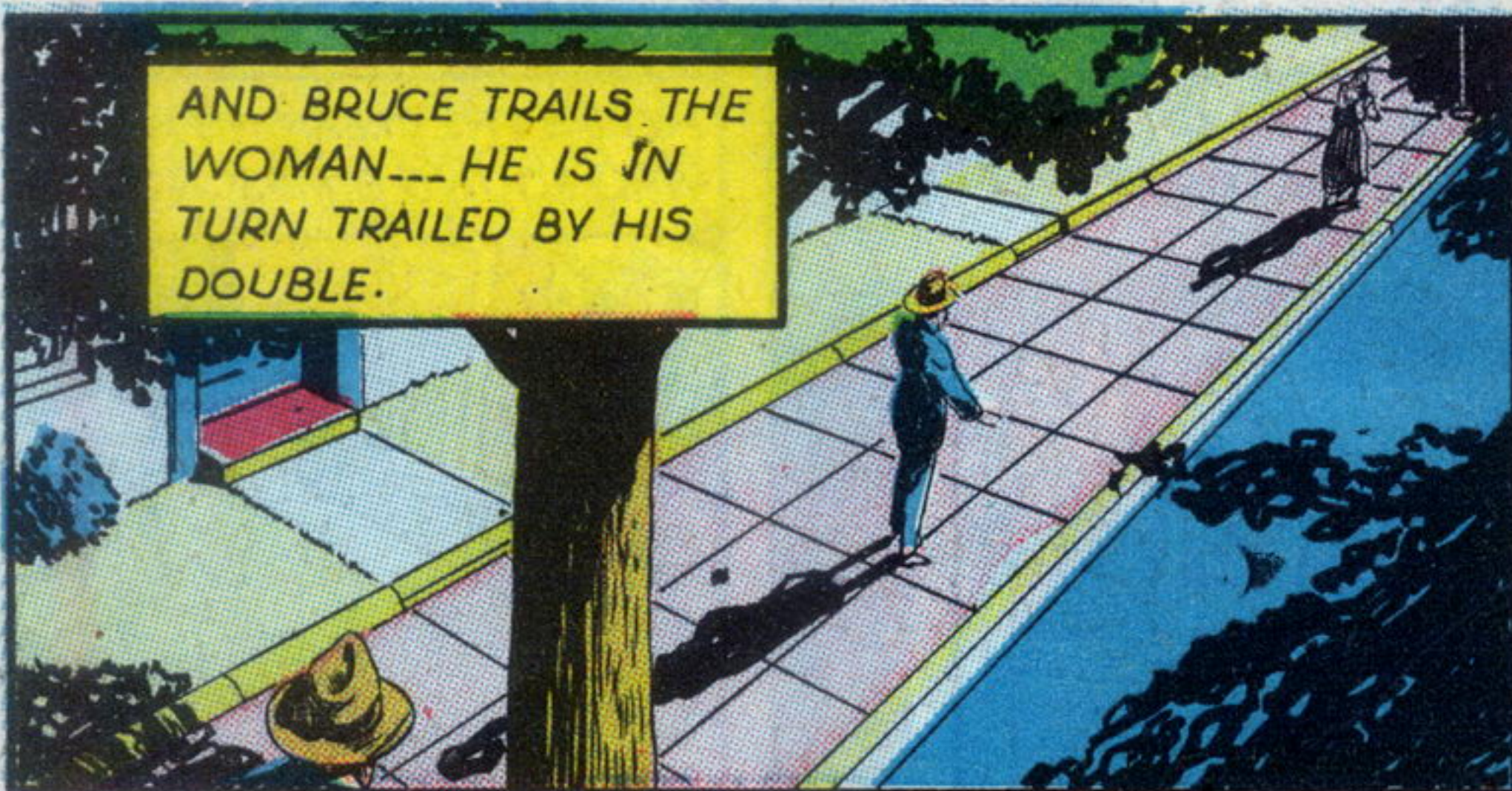
HOLY SMOKE, SO THAT'S HOW THEY ARE GETTING THE INFORMATION!



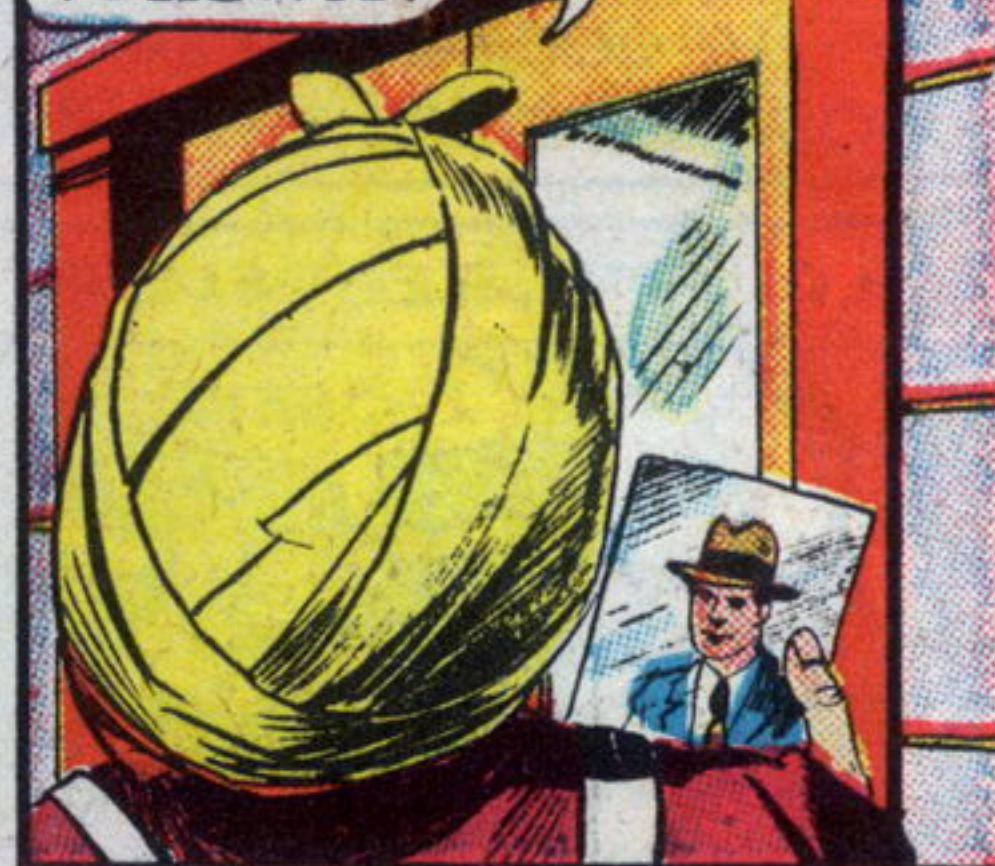
THERE SHE GOES! I'LL FOLLOW!



AND BRUCE TRAILS THE WOMAN... HE IS IN TURN TRAILED BY HIS DOUBLE.



SO, AS I FEARED! I AM FOLLOWED!



FROM HER 4TH FLOOR APT.

HE WAITS, THE **FOOL!**



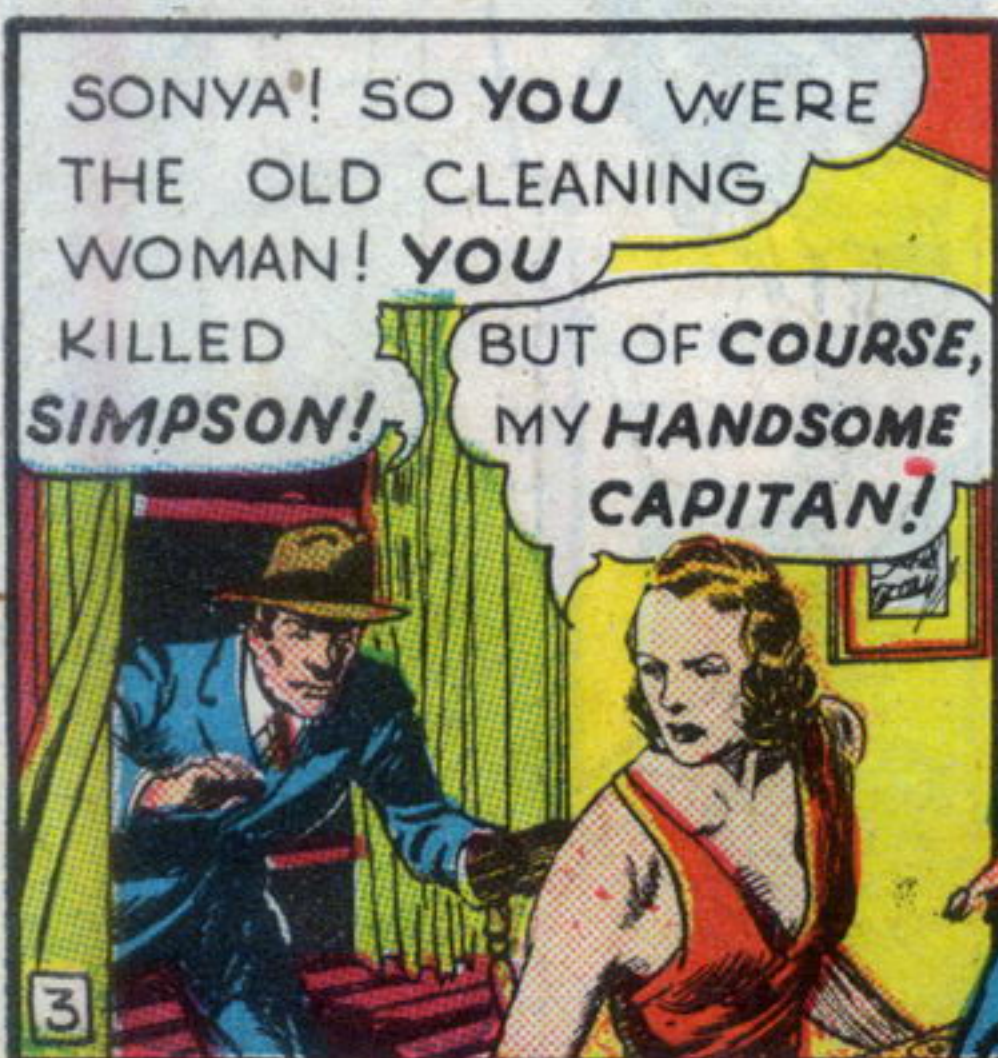
THERE SHE IS! I'LL JUST PAY HER A VISIT, VIA THAT FIRE ESCAPE!



CARL! FRITZ! I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED HERE! COME **QUICKLY!**

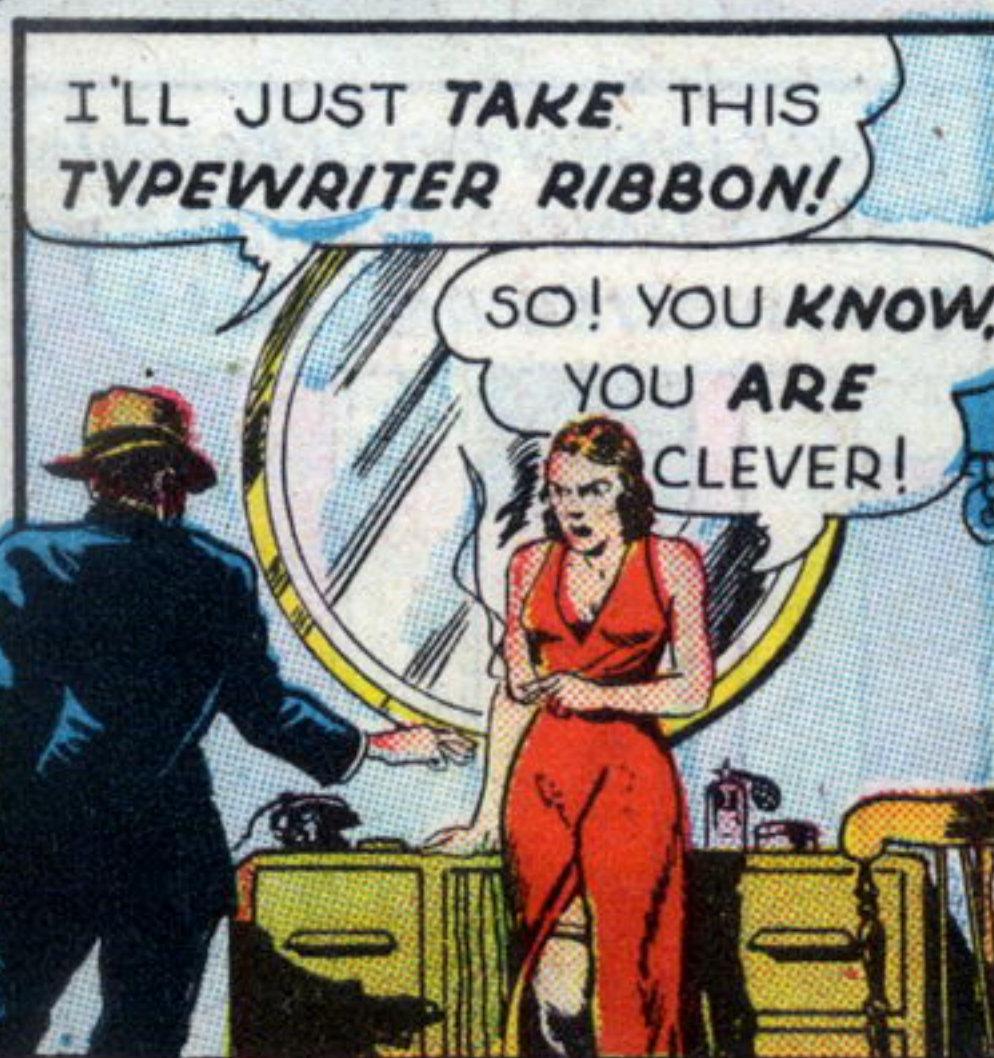


SONYA! SO YOU WERE THE OLD CLEANING WOMAN! YOU KILLED SIMPSON! BUT OF COURSE, MY HANDSOME CAPTAIN!



I'LL JUST TAKE THIS TYPEWRITER RIBBON!

SO! YOU KNOW, YOU ARE CLEVER!

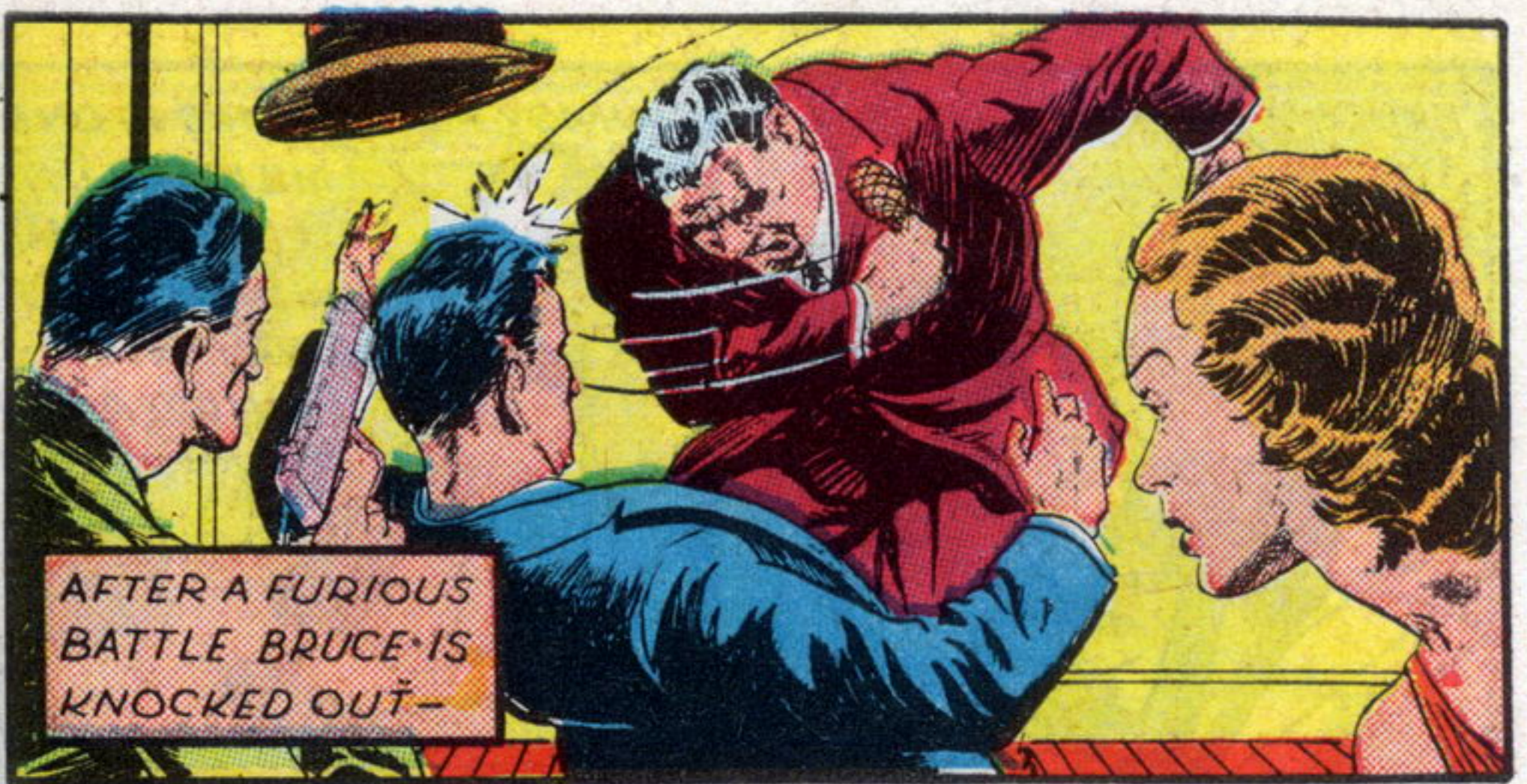


AND NOW, MY BEAUTIFUL MURDERESS-SPY, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

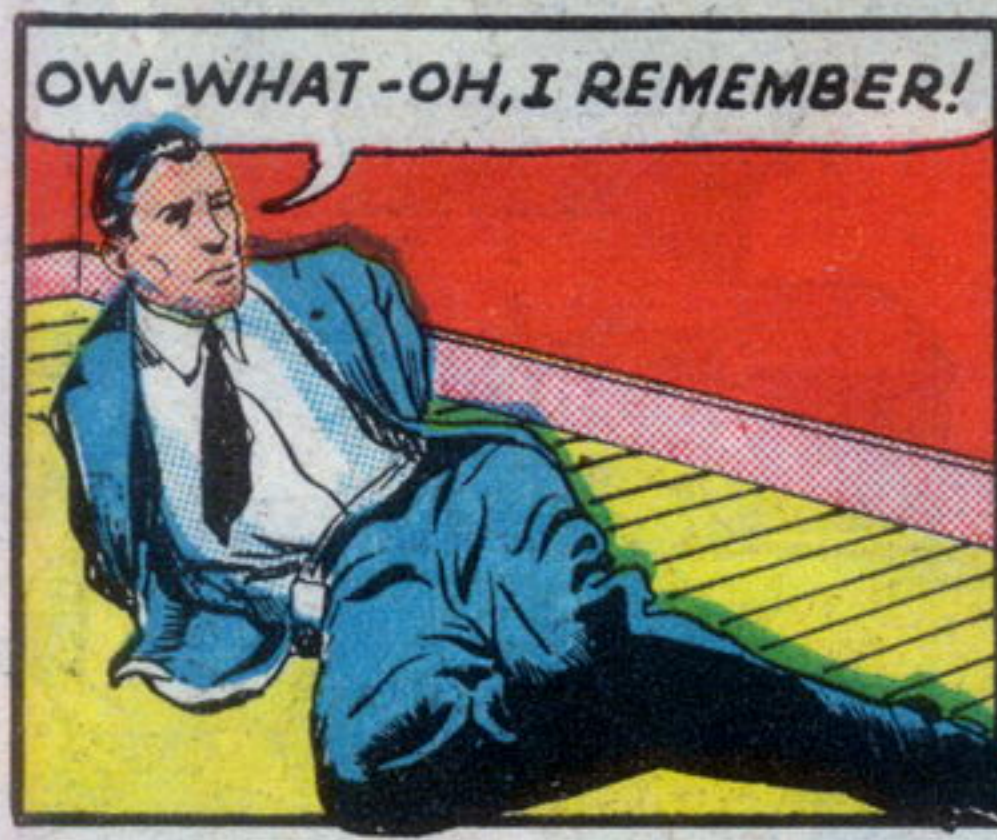
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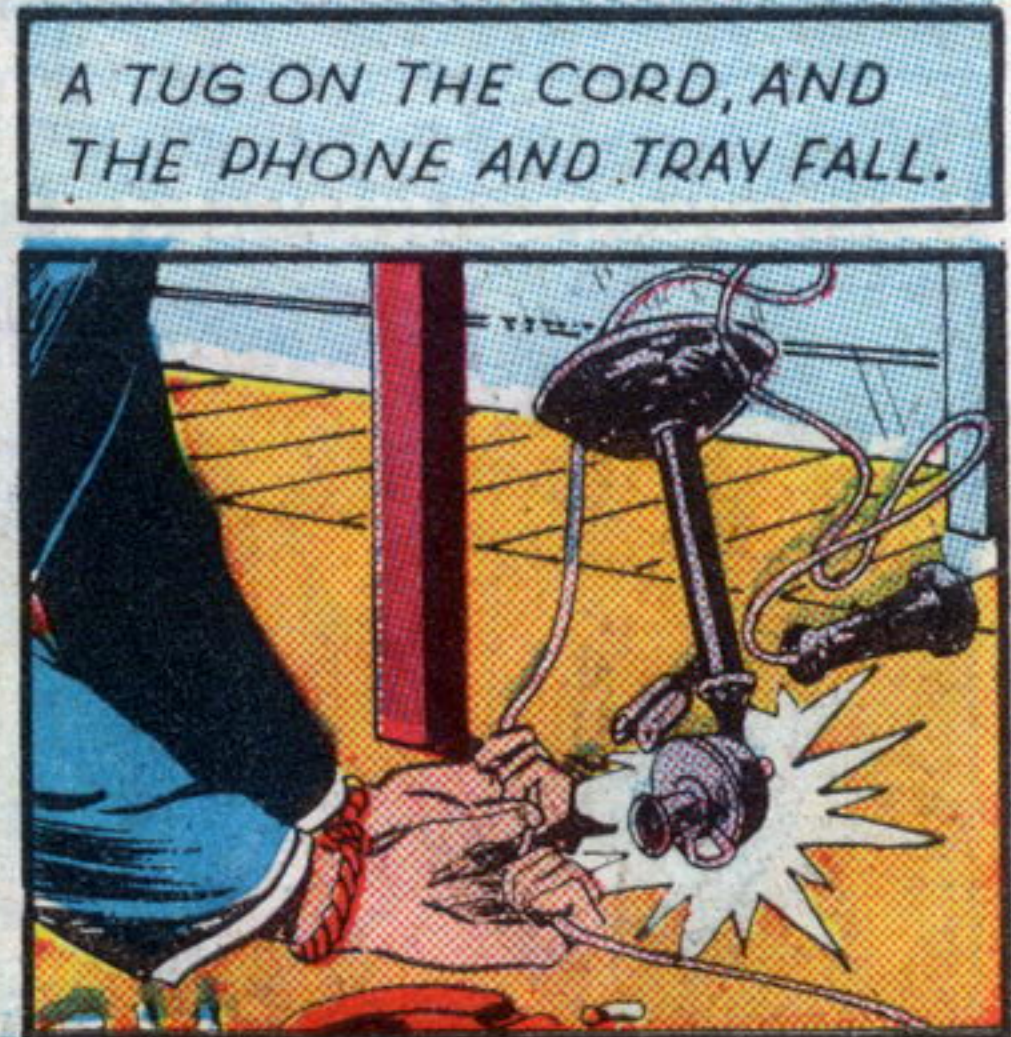
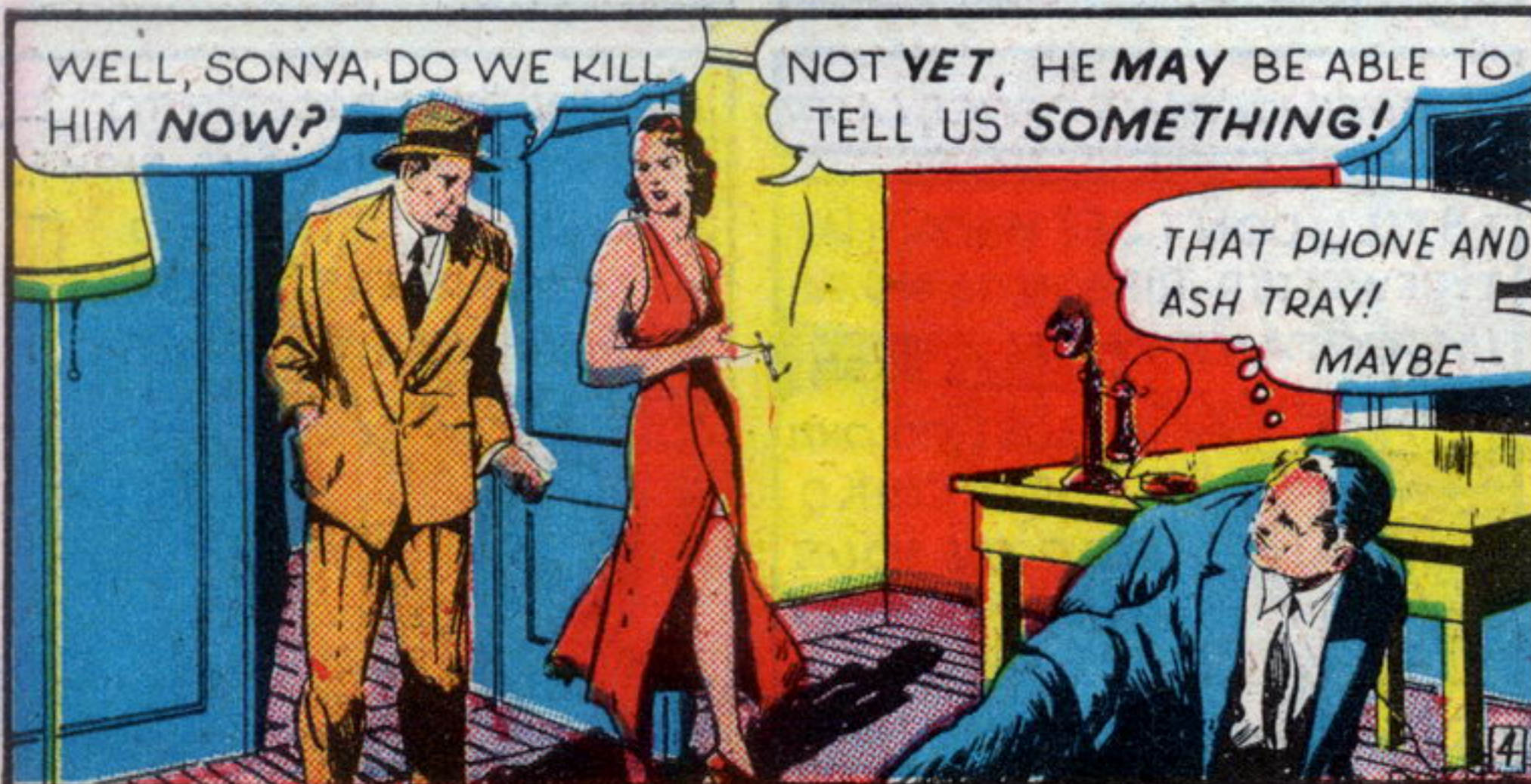
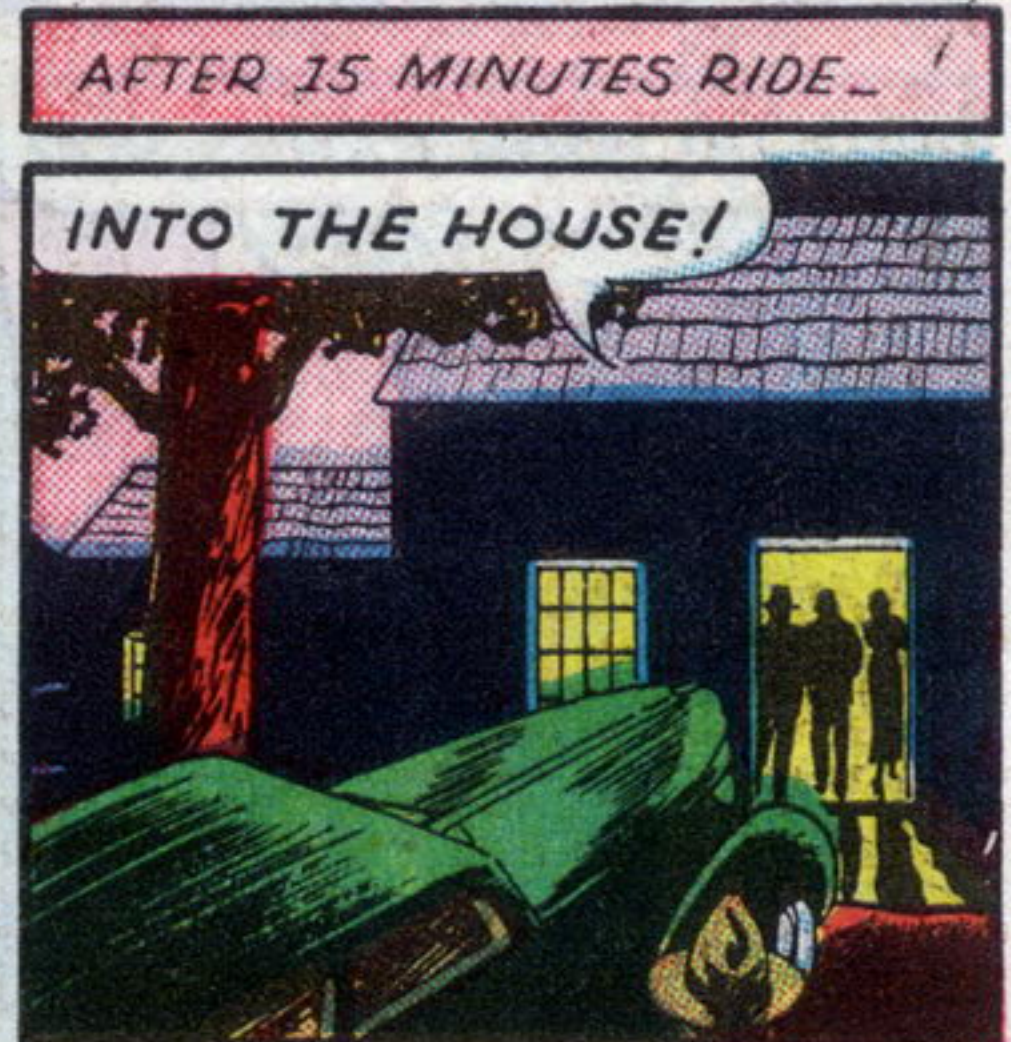
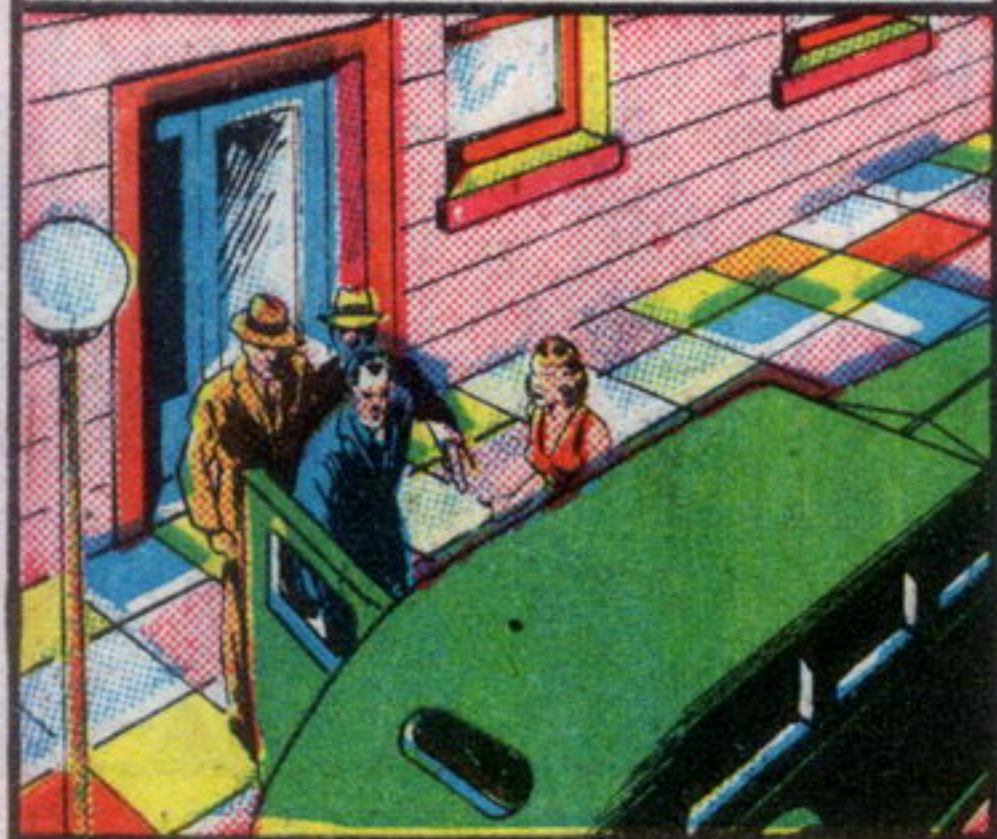




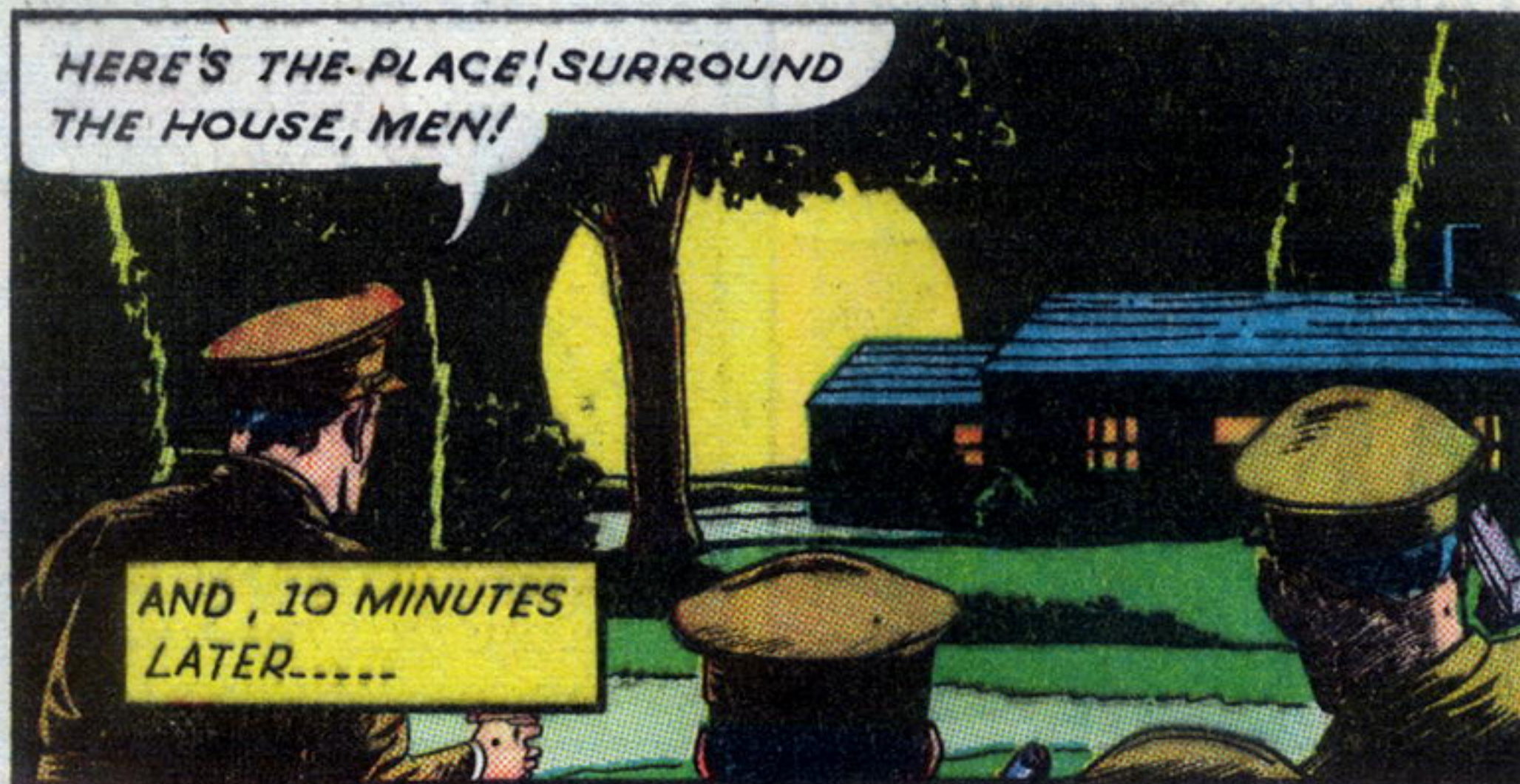
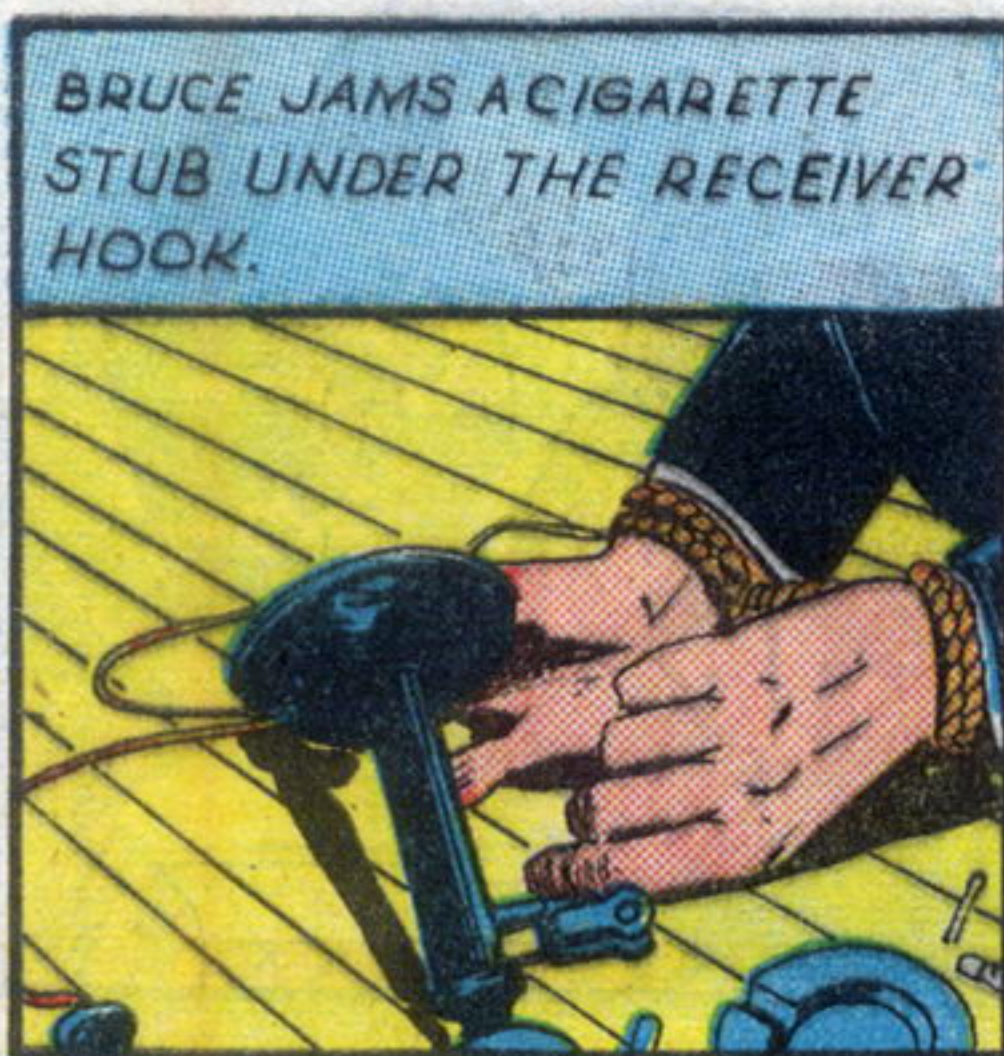
AND RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS BOUND UPON THE FLOOR.



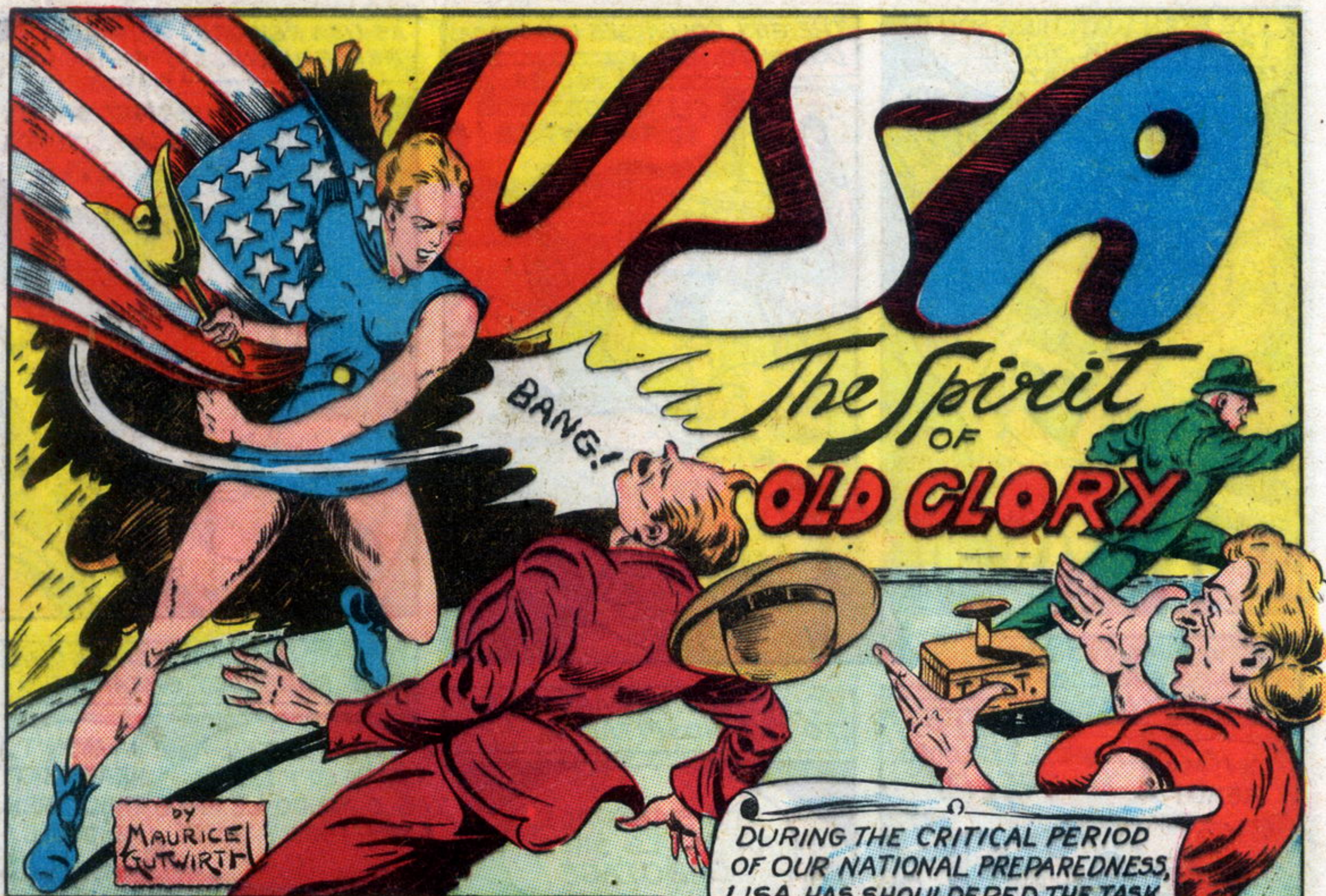
AS BRUCE IS THRUST INTO THE WAITING CAR.











DURING THE CRITICAL PERIOD OF OUR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS, USA HAS SHOULDERED THE TASK OF ELIMINATING DANGER FROM ALL ENEMIES WHO INSIDIOUSLY BORE FROM WITHIN.

THE GIRLS EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OF A LARGE MUNITIONS FACTORY...

OKAY.., YOU GIRLS ARE ACCEPTED FOR ASSEMBLY LINE WORK. REPORT TO MRS. CRAGG, THE FORELADY, IN THE MORNING.

NEXT MORNING.

IN THIS SHELL DEPARTMENT, YOU GIRLS MUST BE WIDE AWAKE AT ALL TIMES!

UNKNOWN TO ANYONE ELSE, USA IS ONE OF THE WORKING GIRLS... ONE DAY...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, IRENE? DON'T YOU FEEL WELL?

I FEEL DIZZY. I'D BETTER..

IRENE IS SICK, MRS. CRAGG. SHE CAN'T WORK.

AW... I THINK SHE'S ONLY ACTING. I'LL SEE...





I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU!  
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE  
SICK... YOU'RE LAZY!!

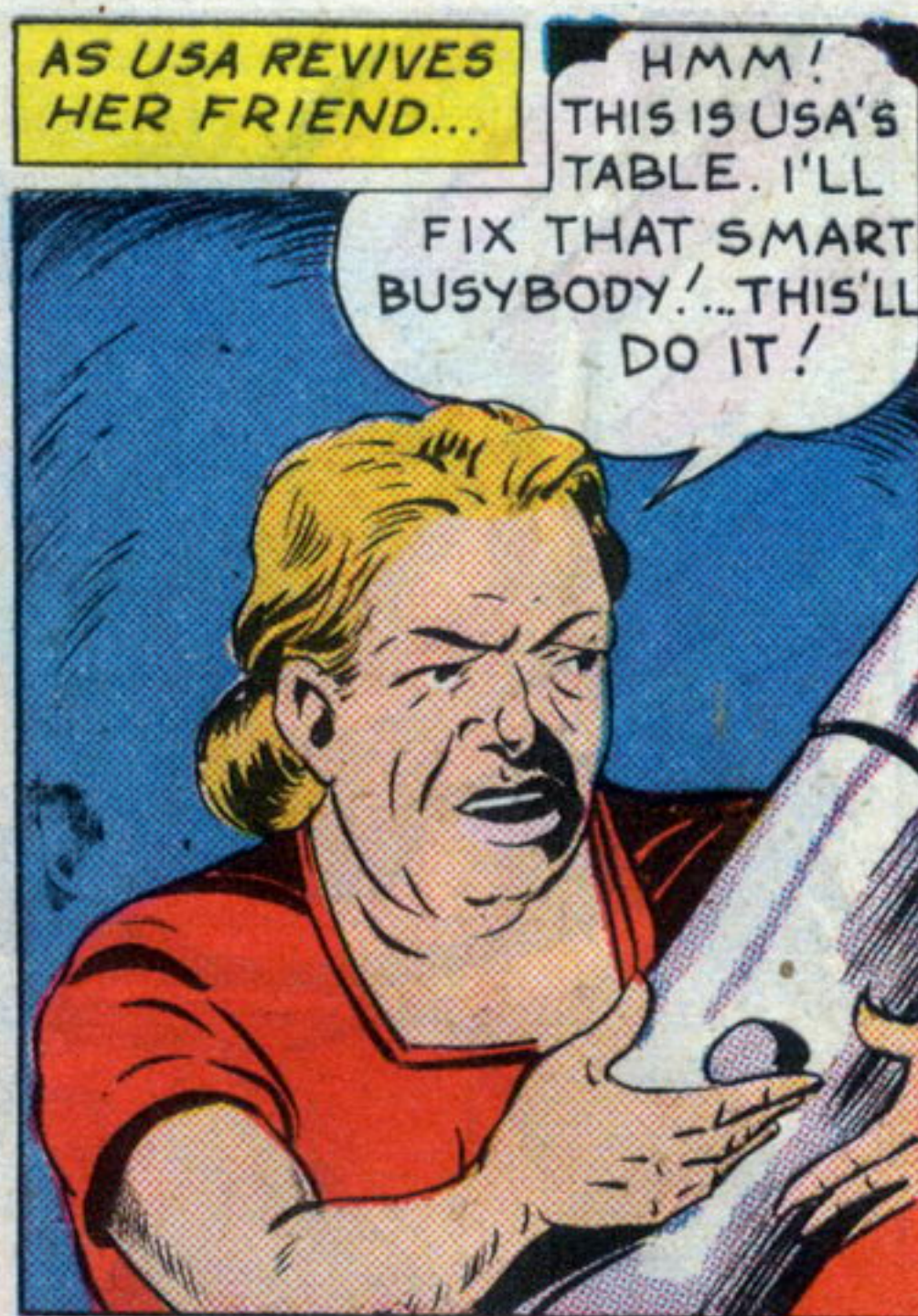
BUT...



THE GIRL COLLAPSES. USA STOOPS  
DOWN TO HER...

YOU BRUTE!

I'LL REPORT YOU  
TO THE OFFICE!



AS USA REVIVES  
HER FRIEND...

HMM!  
THIS IS USA'S  
TABLE. I'LL  
FIX THAT SMART  
BUSYBODY!...THIS'LL  
DO IT!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...  
AS SHELLS ROLL OFF THE  
ASSEMBLY LINE...



OH! MY  
HEAD!

HELP!  
A SHELL EXPLODED!  
HELP!

BING!  
BANG!

WOUNDED GIRLS ARE TAKEN  
TO THE HOSPITAL ...



IT'S SABOTAGE,  
DOC! YES SIR...  
SABOTAGE!

IN THE SUPERINTENDANT'S OFFICE  
THE FORELADY SPEAKS!



THAT SHELL  
CAME OFF USA'S  
TABLE, MR. DOYLE. SHE'S  
A SPY! I DON'T TRUST  
HER!

I WASN'T  
NEAR THAT  
TABLE THEN,  
MR. DOYLE!



YOU'RE A  
LIAR! YOU  
WERE!



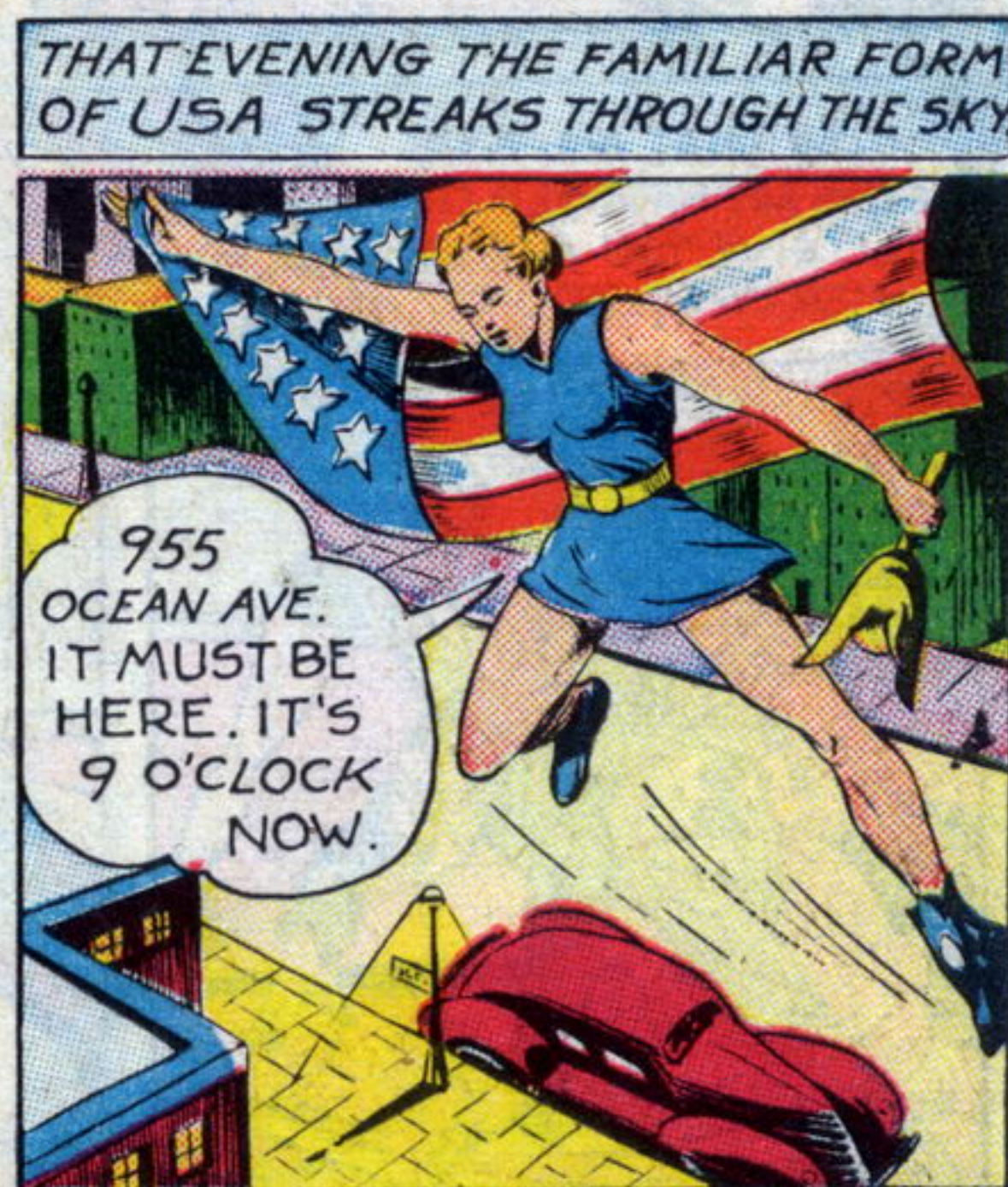
OKAY, MRS. CRAGG..  
FISTS ARE ALLRIGHT  
WITH ME!

DING!



I RELISH A CHANCE  
TO BASH YOUR  
MEAN FACE!









WRONG IS VERY WRONG!  
YOU WON'T HAVE TO  
CRASH INTO JAIL-I'LL  
ESCORT YOU  
THERE!

IT'S USA!  
GRAB HER!

USA USES JIU-JITSU.



FIRST COME,  
FIRST SERVED!



YOU CAN'T EVEN FIGHT  
A WOMAN WITHOUT  
GUNS...YOU COWARDS!



NOW THAT ALL YOUR  
GUNS ARE SUPPOSED OF,  
I'LL GIVE YOU A NICE,  
MERRY-GO-ROUND.



HOW DOES IT  
FEEL TO BE FLYING  
THROUGH THE AIR?  
PLEASANT, ISN'T  
IT?



I HOPE YOU'RE ALL  
COMFORTABLE NOW-  
I'VE GOT ANOTHER  
JOB TO DO  
YET.

WITH THE JOB WELL DONE, USA  
GETS READY TO LEAVE...



ALL RIGHT, BOYS.  
THE TIME BOMB  
IS SET-HEY!  
WHAT'S THIS?



YOU'RE COMING  
WITH ME FOR A  
FREE RIDE,  
MRS. CRAGG!

AS USA ZOOMS IN THE SKY,  
THE F.B.I. ARRIVES...



LOOK, CHIEF!  
THERE'S USA!

NEVER MIND  
HER. LET'S GET  
INTO THE  
HOUSE!





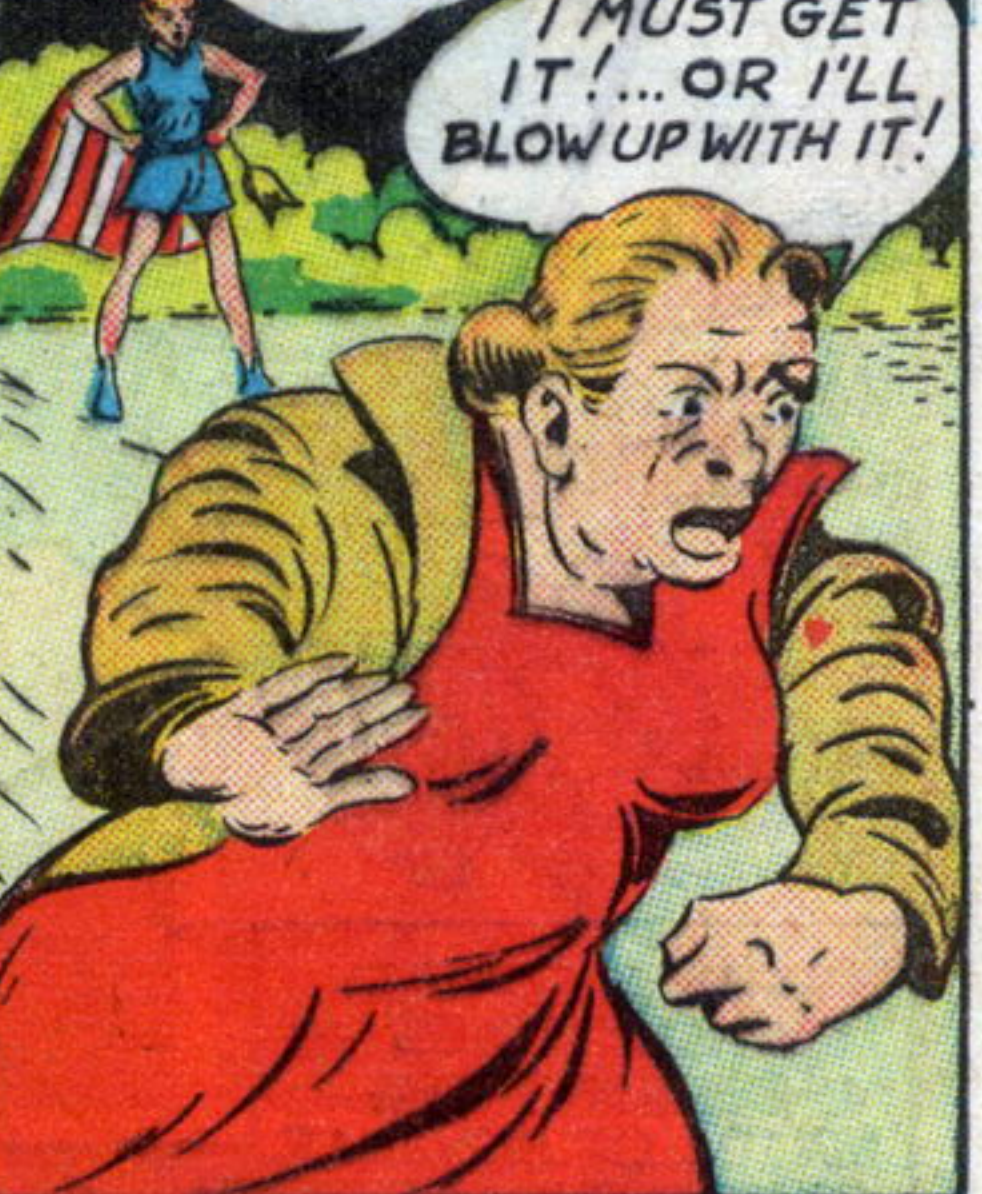
**BUT USA CHANGES HER MIND, AS SHE CATCHES MRS. CRAGG IN MIDAIR.**



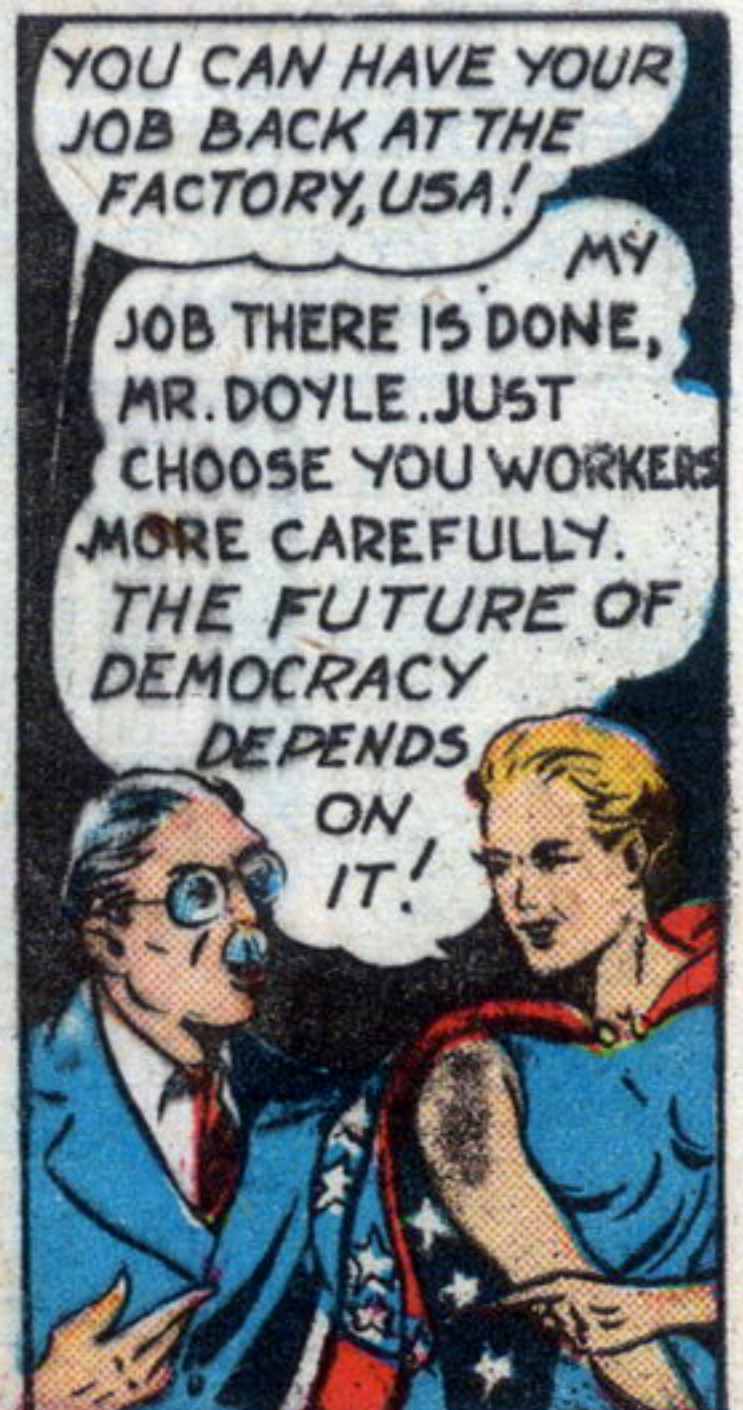
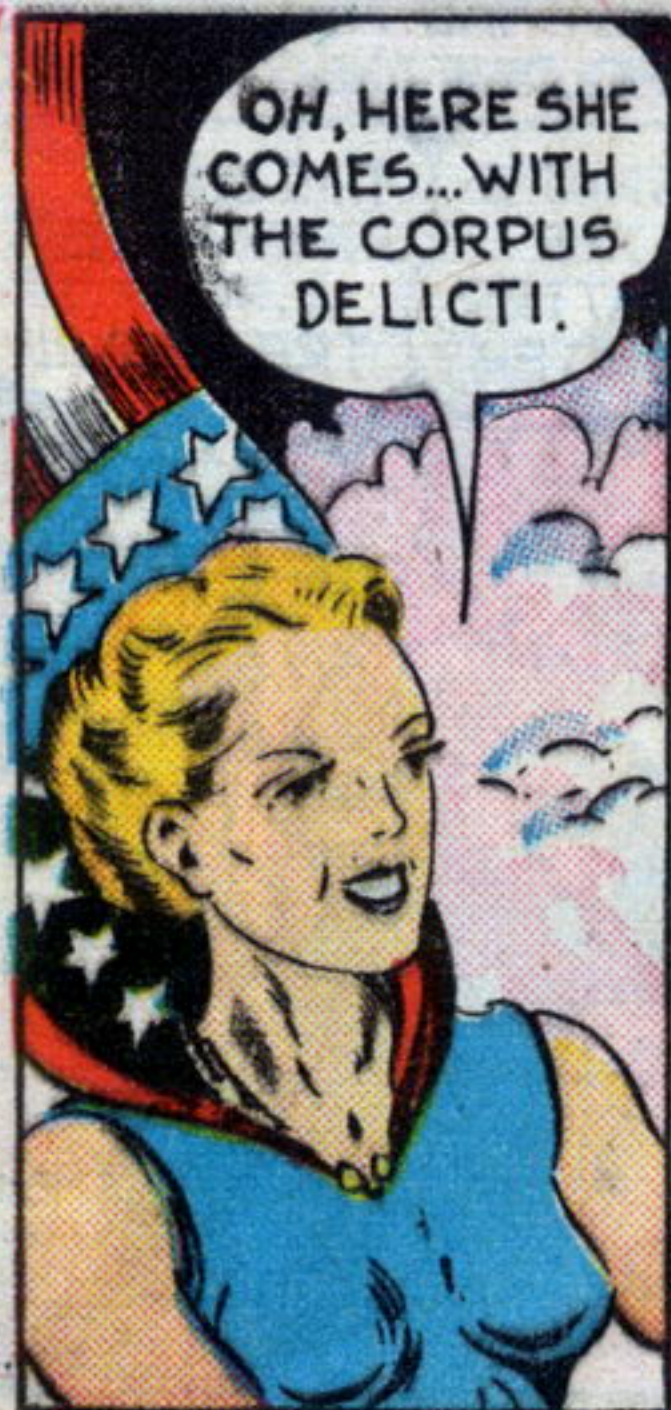
**THEY LAND NEAR THE FACTORY...**



**SHE CERTAINLY IS BREAKING THE RECORD FOR A 100 YARD DASH!**



**THE F.B.I. CHIEF JOINS USA...**





# RUSTY RYAN

and the  
BOYVILLE  
BRIGADIERS

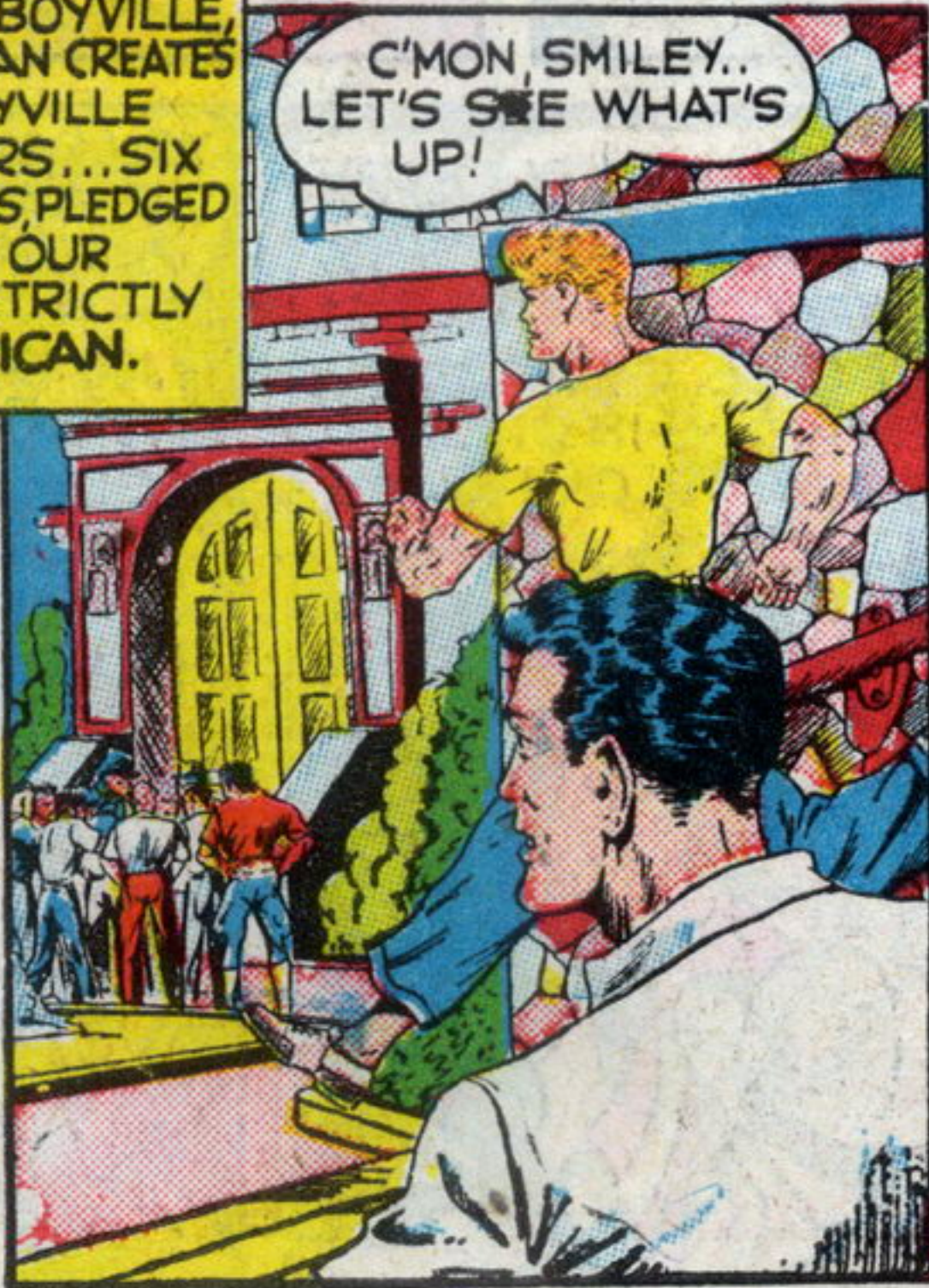
by Paul  
Gustavson



WHEN A FOREIGN  
MOVEMENT TRIES TO  
UNDERMINE THE  
YOUTH OF BOYVILLE,  
RUSTY RYAN CREATES  
THE BOYVILLE  
BRIGADIERS... SIX  
STURDY BOYS PLEDGED  
TO KEEP OUR  
COUNTRY STRICTLY  
**AMERICAN.**

OUTSIDE A  
BOYVILLE  
DORMITORY  
RUSTY RYAN  
AND HIS  
PAL SMILEY  
ARE  
ATTRACTED  
BY AN  
EXCITED  
MILLING  
CROWD.

C'MON, SMILEY..  
LET'S SEE WHAT'S  
UP!



REACHING THE CROWD  
THEY FIND TWO DETECTIVES  
HOLDING TOMMY ANDREWS.

WHAT'S  
THE  
MATTER,  
MISTER?

THIS BOY IS  
UNDER ARREST  
...FOR  
TREASON!!



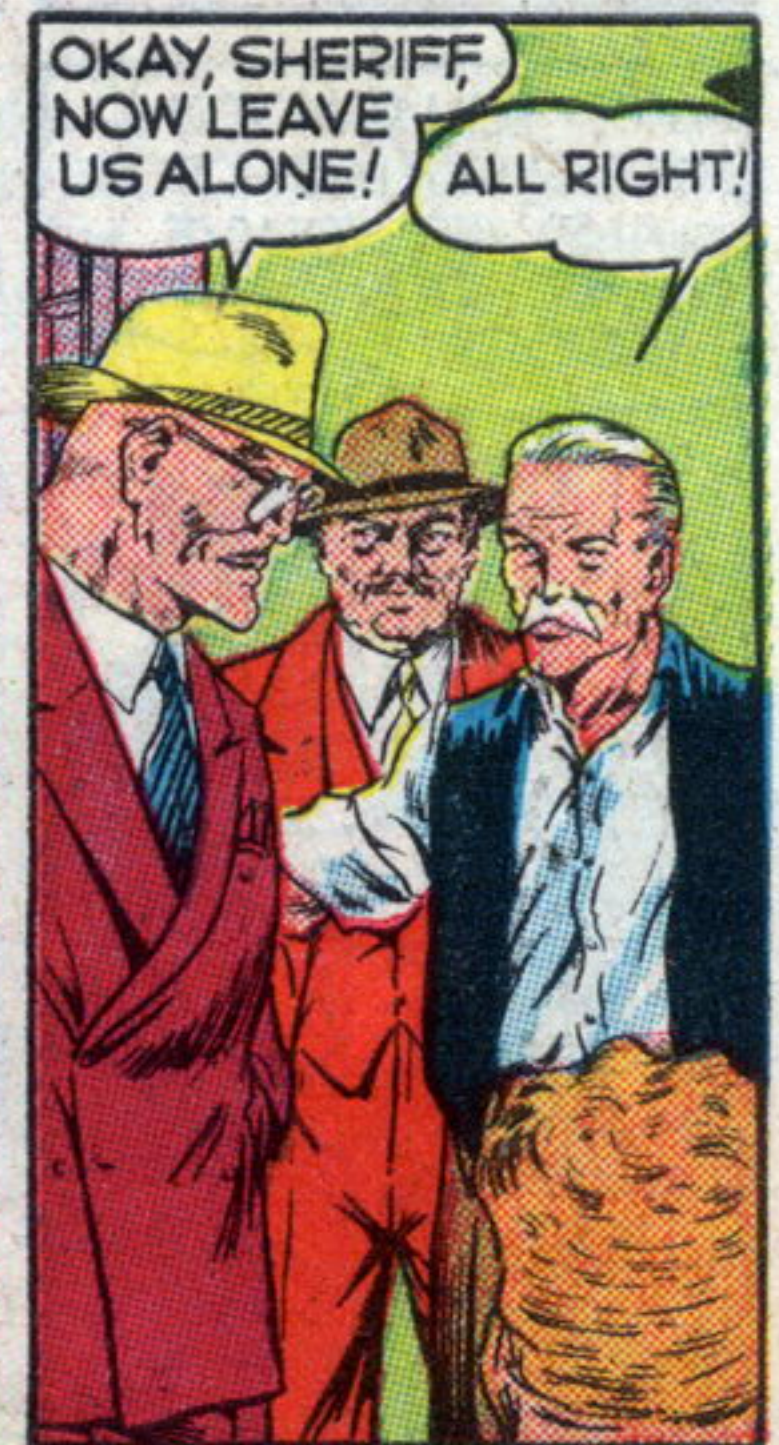
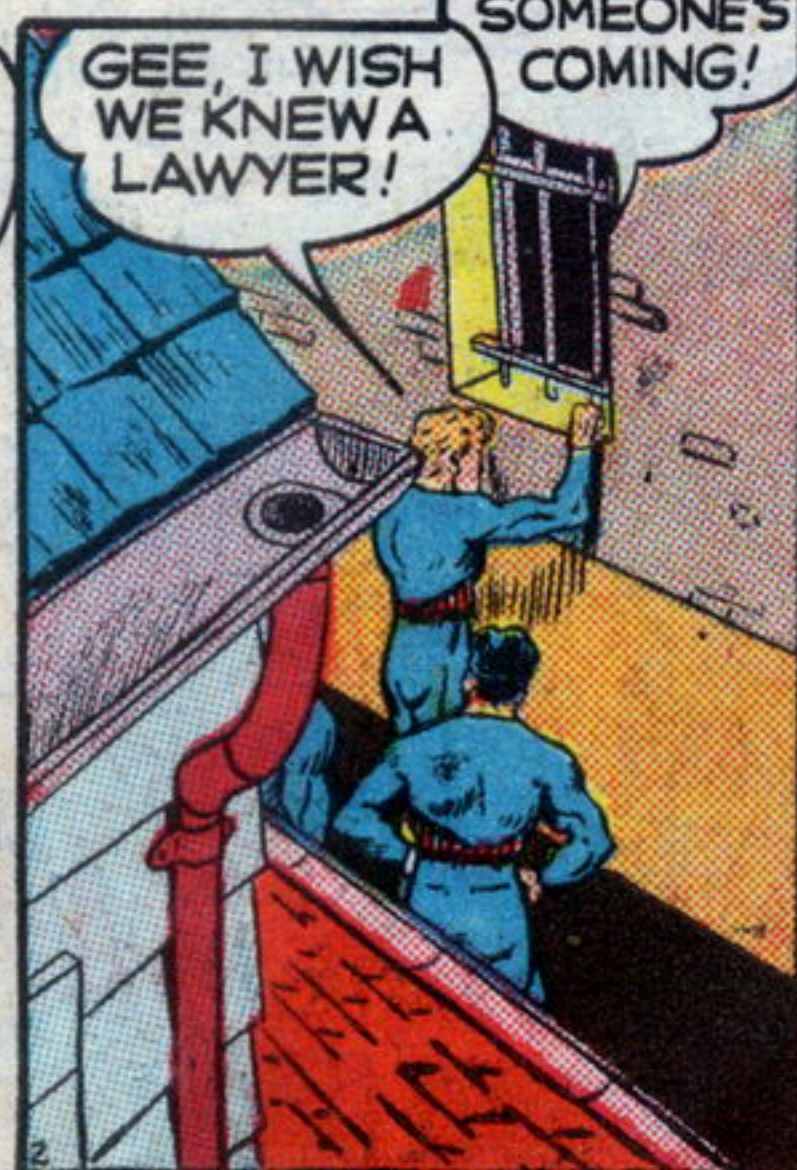
YES! LOOK  
WHAT HE'S  
BEEN PASSING  
OUT TO THE REST  
OF YOU KIDS  
HERE... AND  
HE CLAIMS  
HE DIDN'T KNOW  
WHAT THEY  
WERE ABOUT!







THAT NIGHT THE BOYVILLE BRIGADIERS MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE REAR OF THE TOWN JAIL...





DON'T BE ALARMED, SON.. WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU! PUTTING YOUNG BOYS IN JAIL... I NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING! THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH THIS COUNTRY.. BUT WE'LL HAVE YOU OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME!

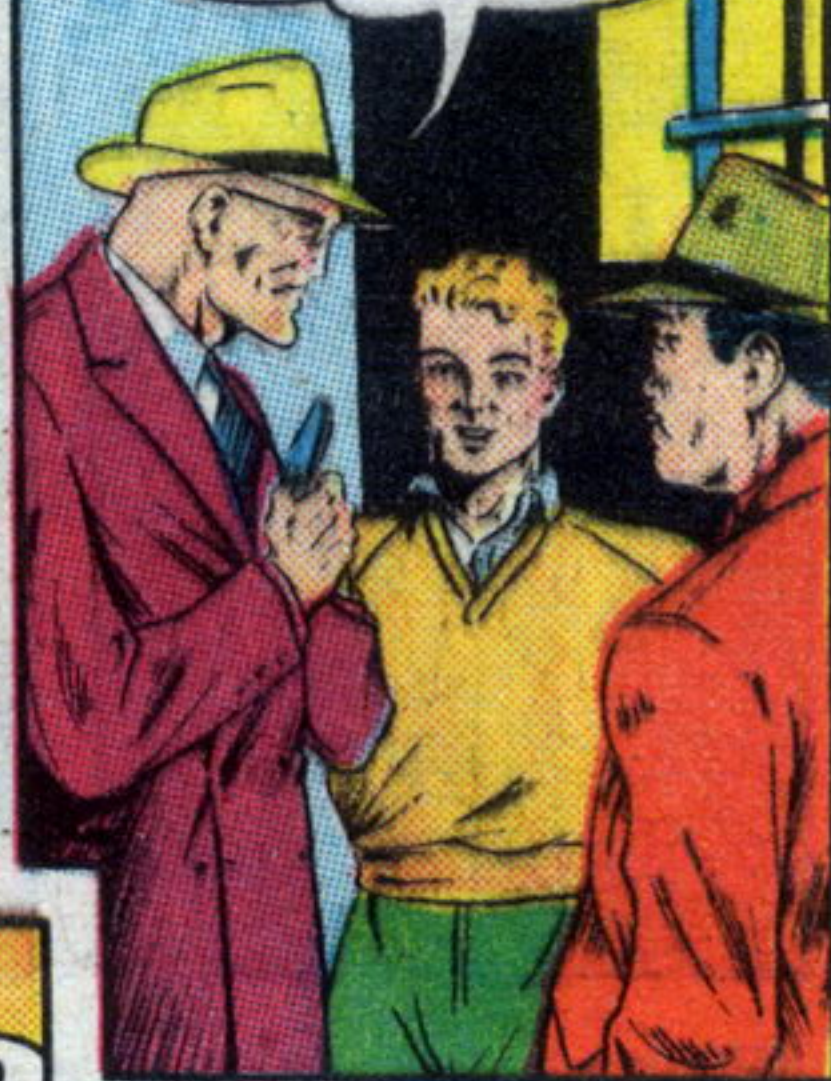
NOW, TELL MY LAWYER EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED!

AFTER TOMMY TELLS HIS STORY

SIMPLE.. NO CASE AT ALL! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN AN HOUR!

GEE.. THANKS!

DON'T THANK US, SON.. WE ONLY REPRESENT THE AMERICAN FREEDOM CLUB! HERE, READ THIS BOOK WHILE WE'RE GETTING THE WRIT!



THANKS A LOT! THE AMERICAN FREEDOM CLUB.. FREE TO ALL! THIS SOUNDS GOOD!



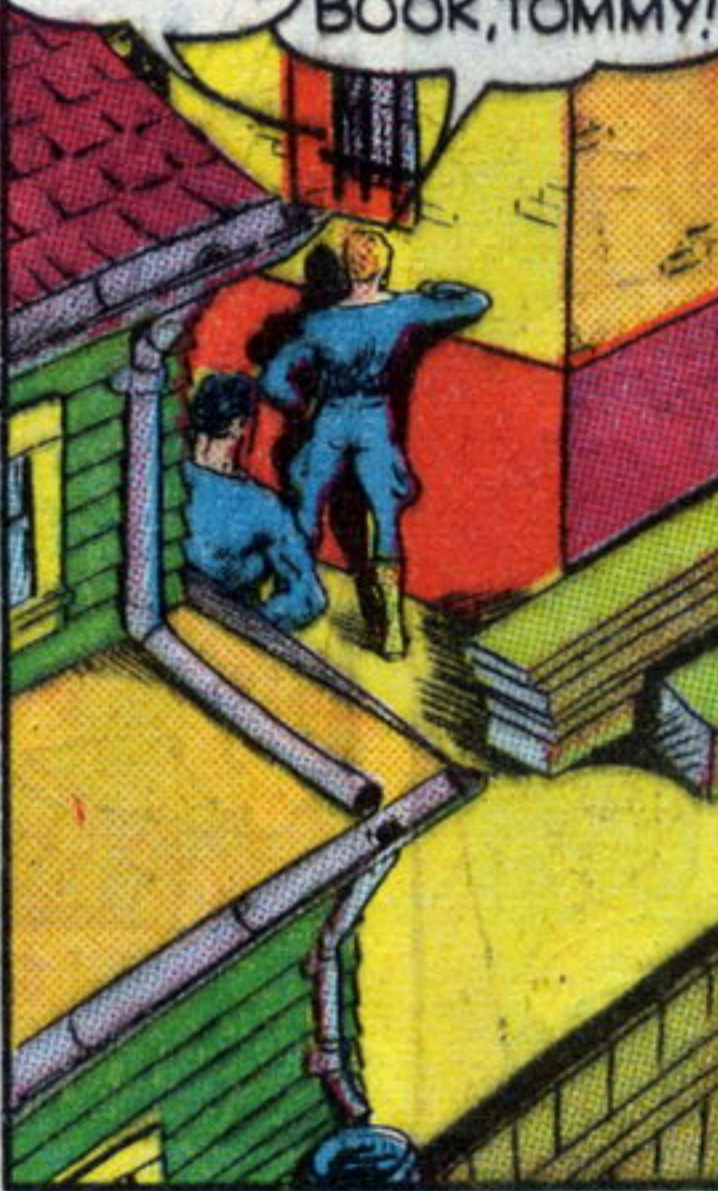
IT'S WORKING LIKE A CHARM, DUTCH! THIS KID WILL BE THE START OF OUR BREAKING INTO BOYVILLE AND TEACHING THOSE KIDS OUR WAY OF THINKING!



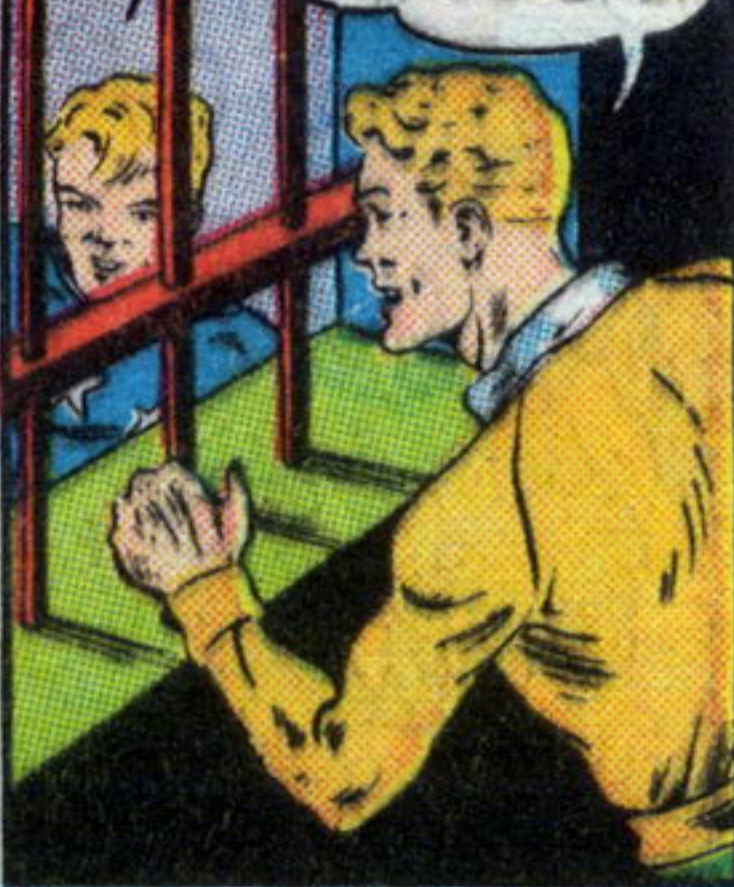
MEANWHILE...

DID YOU HEAR WHAT THEY SAID, RUSTY?

YES.. AND IT SMELLS TO ME! LET ME SEE THAT BOOK, TOMMY!

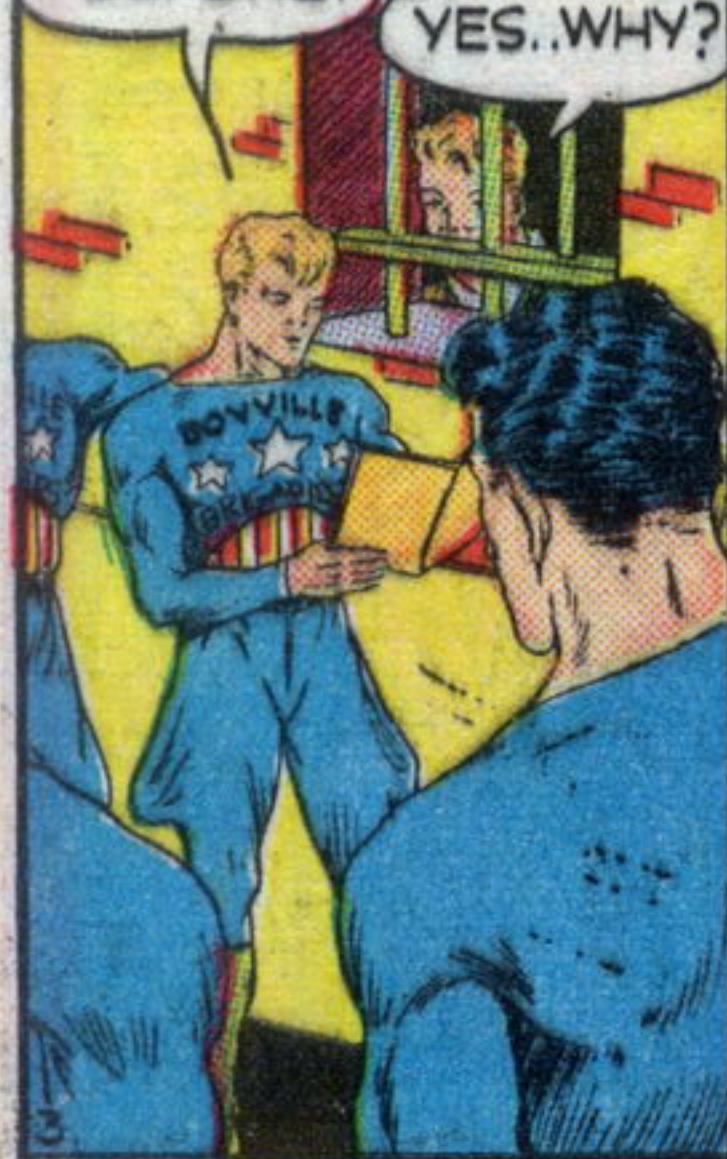


H-M-M-M! THAT FAT MAN THIS IS A NICE GUY! FUNNY, BUT I SEEM TO PLACE HIS VOICE SOMEHOW... BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!



HUH? YOU SAY YOU RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE.. AND YET YOU'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!

YES.. WHY?



NOTHING.. BUT READING THIS BOOK GIVES ME AN IDEA!



C'MON, FELLAS.. WE'VE A LOT OF WORK TO DO!

OH, OH.. HERE WE GO!

RUSTY! MY BOOK!



OH.. THEY'RE GONE! I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE UP TO??





SOME TIME LATER, THE TWO MEN RETURN WITH A WRIT AND TOMMY IS RELEASED..

IT SURE IS RIGHT NICE OF YOU FELLAS TO GET TOMMY OUT!

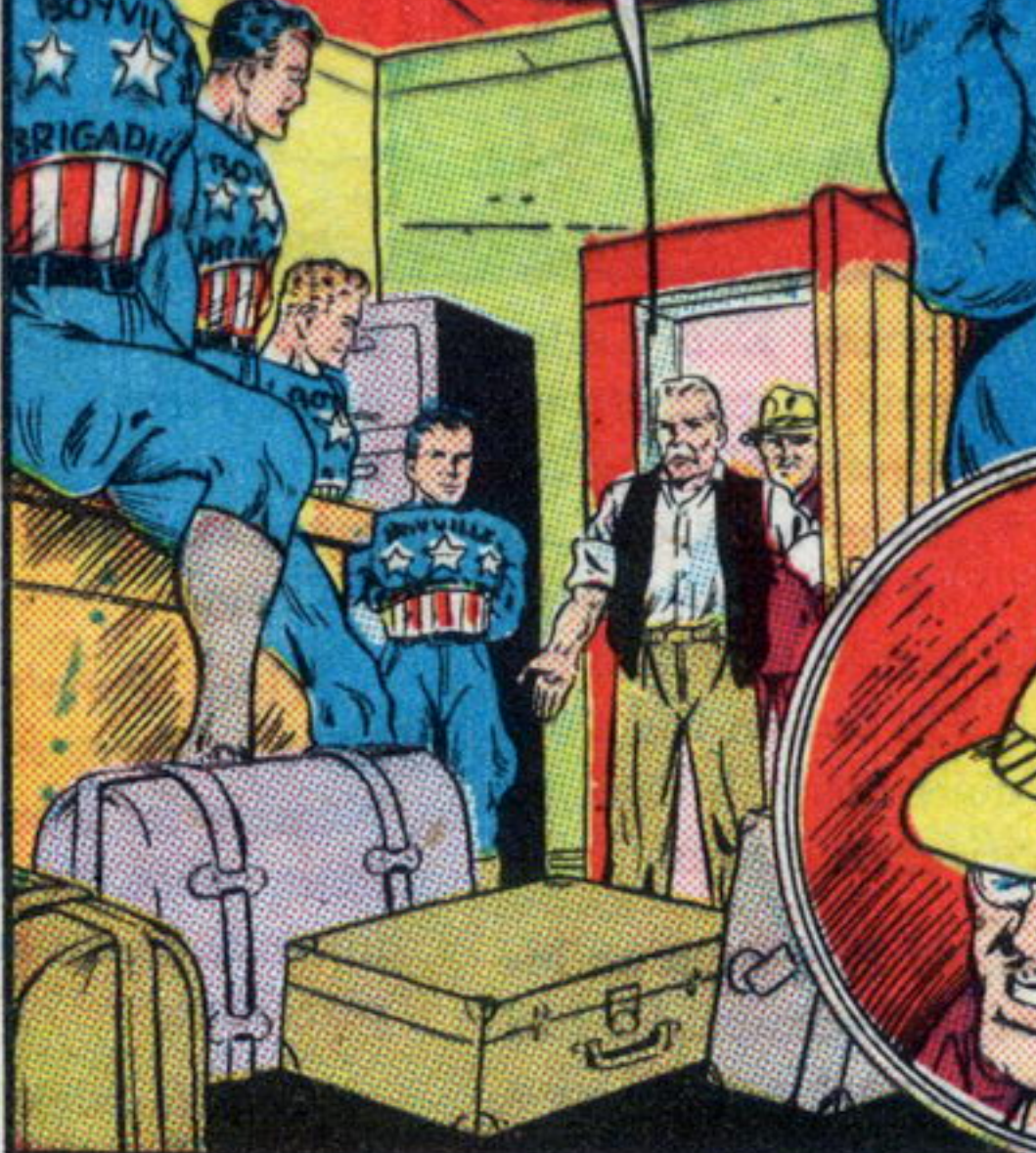


I DIDN'T LIKE KEEPING HIM LOCKED UP, BUT, Y'KNOW I HAVE MY ORDERS.. I'D AS SOON... WHAT TH'...???



WHEN THEY REACH THE OFFICE.

H'YA SHERIFF! RUSTY! AND THE BRIGADIERS!! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE??



HMM....?? THOSE KIDS HAVE OUR BAGS! I DON'T LIKE THIS!



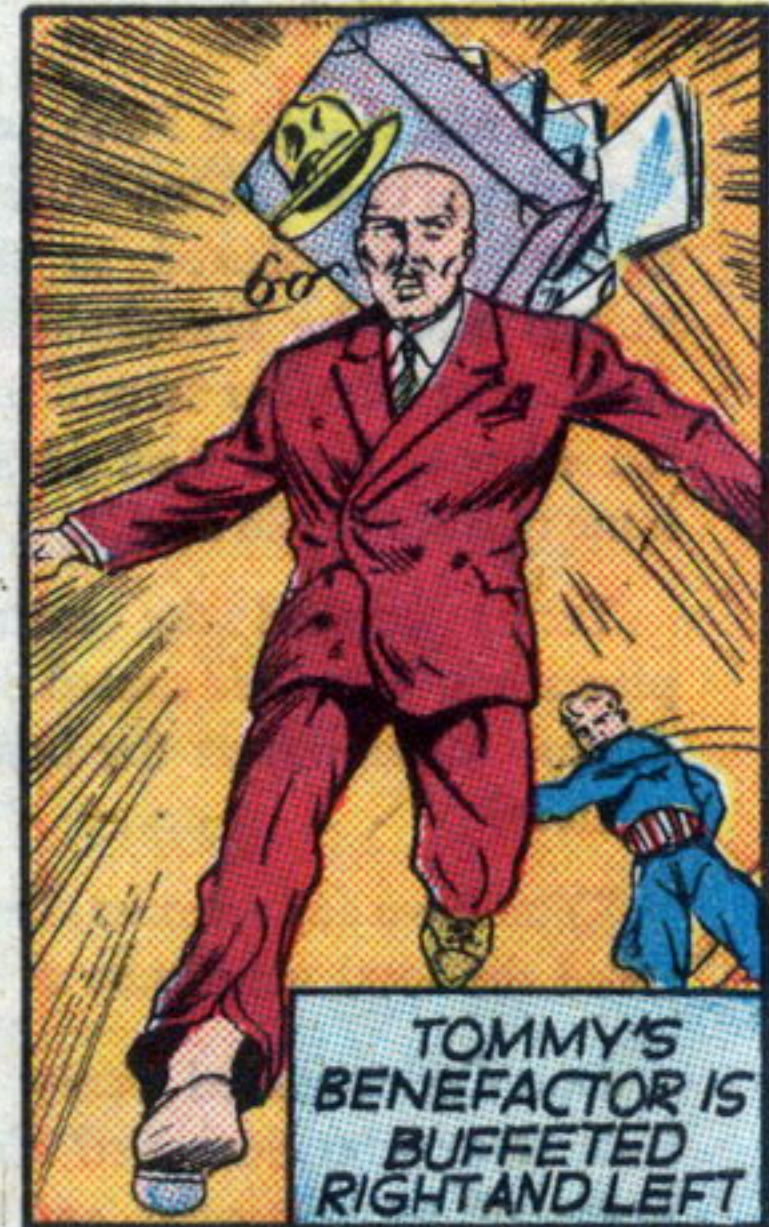
WE WERE LOOKING FOR THE MAN WITH THE DARK BEARD AND GLASSES THAT GOT TOMMY INTO THIS MESS.. AND WE FOUND PART OF HIM AT THE HOTEL!



I'VE HEARD OF THESE BRIGADIERS.. THEY'RE POISON.. AND NO DOPES! THIS IS GETTIN' TOO HOT FOR ME!



AND HERE'S THE REST OF HIM SHERIFF!



HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO ANYPLACE!



NOW, SHERIFF... WHEN WE PUT THE DARK BEARD ON THIS BIRD...



WELL I'LL BE... IT'S HIM.. WITH A FALSE BEARD!!



IS THAT THE MAN, TOMMY?

THAT'S HIM ALRIGHT!



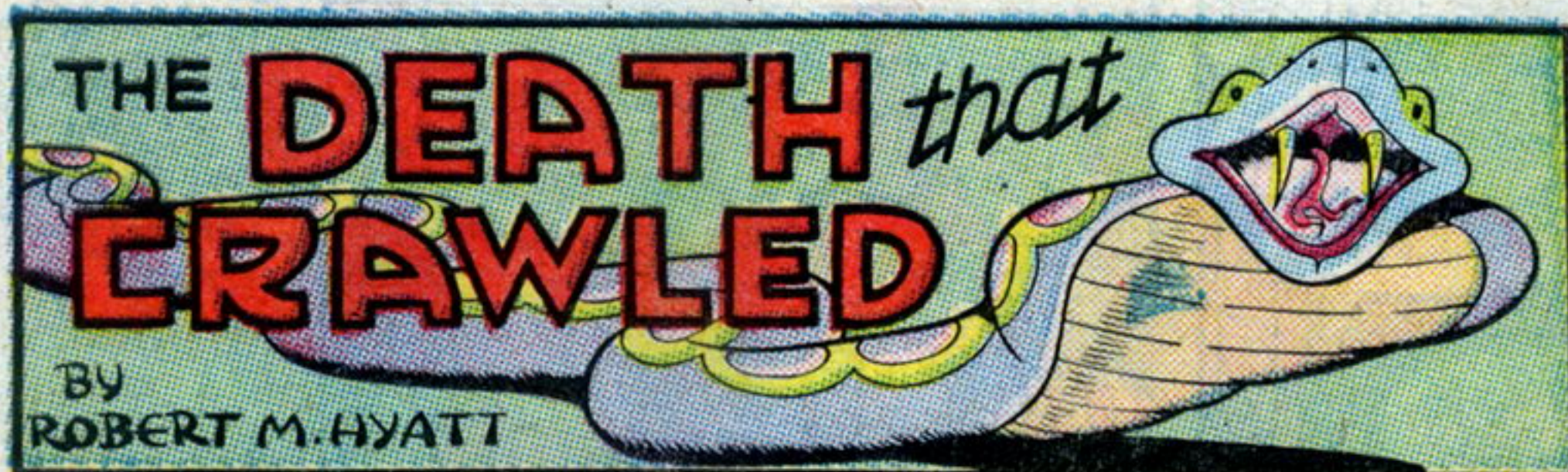
THE BOOK HE GAVE YOU.. IT'S REALLY THOSE PAMPHLETS HE HAD YOU PASS OUT... ONLY IT'S DRESSED UP WITH FANCY WORDS TO COVER ITS REAL MEANING!





# THE DEATH *that* CRAWLED

BY ROBERT M. HYATT



Lying in the darkness, Don Carlos Romera listened intently. A palm frond rustled in the light breeze blowing off Guanacabo Gulf. Fear clutched Don Carlos' whole being. And for good reason: Last night, Pim, his trusted valet, had got up to take a drink. His scream had shivered through the quiet house, bringing a dozen or more mestizos on the run.

They had found old Pim lying on his face on the floor of his bedroom. He had died in a few minutes, unable to tell what had happened. There were no marks of violence on his body.

Two nights before Pim's death, Maria, the beloved cook in Don Carlos' rambling hacienda, had started to the kitchen shortly after the household was asleep. A moment later her scream tore through the silence. Marie died in exactly the same manner as old Pim.

Terror gripped the entire Romera plantation. What had caused these strange deaths? Who was at the bottom of the mystery?

"You have any enemies, Don Carlos?" asked the local magistrate of Santa Ana.

Don Carlos smiled wanly. "And what man lives who does not? Of course, I know of no particular enemies of the house of Romero."

"Is not your plantation the largest in this region?" asked the official.

"In all of Cuba," replied the don proudly, "there is no larger . . . and since you mention it, there is one who perhaps would gladly see me out of business. That one is Don Diego, up on the Salado river. Yet a countryman—" The don shook his head.

The night after the magistrate's visit, Don Carlos, remembering that he hadn't locked the French doors leading to his room, rose to lock them. His mortal cry again brought the household running. Don Carlos was dead when they found him.

It was purely by chance that the schooner *Panda* had anchored in Guan-

acabo Gulf a few days before Don Carlos' death. Perry Scott had come to Cuba for no particular purpose; it had just happened that he was on no assignment at the time.

Selden, Perry's first mate, brought the news to Perry first. Selden had been to NOMBRE for a few hours, shooting color films, when he heard the story of the uncanny deaths occurring at Don Carlos' plantation.

"Sounds mighty interesting," observed Perry. "Awfully interesting. Haven't they been able to find any reason for the killings? Might be poison."

"No," said Selden. "They performed autopsies on all three victims."

Perry nodded. "Like to take a run out there and snoop around a bit? I was never on a sugar plantation."

Selden grinned. "I'd like to see anything stop you from running out there, Perry. I know you too well. When do we start?"

Perry liked Juan Romero instantly. But there was little hope in the young Spaniard's eyes when he said to Perry: "I am most grateful for your interest, senor, but I fear it will avail us nothing. I've had detectives here from Habana and Santiago. They went away baffled."

Perry smiled. "I'm not making rash promises, Don Juan. I have some time, and I'd like to work on the case. I've had some little experience as an amateur detective."

"Buena!" said Juan. "My house is yours, amigo. Every person on this plantation is at your service."

Perry wished he could make a minute inspection of the victims. But that was impossible; they had been buried. A visit to the doctor at Santa Ana availed him nothing. There had been no traces of poison, no mark upon the skin of any of the dead.

The magistrate could tell little more. Don Diego was a man of excellent repute. Before coming to Cuba some ten years

back, he had lived in India, the head of a Barcelona exporting firm. His record was clean in both countries.

Perry and Selden visited the Don Diego plantation that same night. Everything looked peaceful on the huge estate, but that told them nothing. The fact remained that Don Diego had tried to buy out Don Carlos on several occasions. They had parted friends each time.

Juan Romero offered them any room in the house upon their return that night. Perry chose Don Carlos' own room. When they were alone at last, Perry turned to Selden.

"Something funny about this," he said. "They post a flock of mestizo guards around the house at night, yet death gets in somehow. There's a nigger in the woodpile."

"You mean," offered Selden, "that someone in the house—"

"Exactly. There's someone in here working for Don Diego—if he happens to be the crook."

Nothing transpired that night out of the ordinary. Early the next morning Perry drove to the wharf and boarded his schooner. Going to the ship's laboratory, he opened a cupboard and took out several small boxes. These he put in his pocket and a few minutes later he was speeding back to the plantation.

With Juan's permission, he rigged up several banks of electric floodlights at the four corners of the house, with a master switch in a small empty shed not far away. Next, he planted his small boxes in various spots around the house.

Juan and half a dozen mestizos witnessed these proceedings with astonishment. "You Americans!" smiled Juan. "What is in those little boxes, senor?"

Perry said, grinning, "If I told you, you'd probably laugh me off the place. I'll wait and see if we have any luck . . . it's an old Japanese trick."

That evening, Perry searched the house thoroughly. He was rewarded at last. In a room occupied by a young nephew of Don Juan's he found a small bowl of milk under the bed, hidden from view by the overhanging spread.

"Ah-hah! Just as I thought! I think our little friend Don Diego is back of this, after all; and it's a cinch that someone in the house is helping him."

Perry made Juan's nephew change



rooms—just in case he slipped up on overhauling the killer. The change was made without the servants' knowledge.

About midnight, when everyone had retired, Perry sneaked outside and took up his position in the vacant shed.

Crickets chirped merrily from every quarter, and an early moon rose majestically in the east. The hours passed. About two in the morning, the crickets suddenly stopped chirping. It was the signal Perry was waiting for. He threw in the switch and the entire grounds were lighted brilliantly. At his orders, the spacious lawns had been clipped close the day before; now the flat green expanse lay like an emerald carpet. Anything on that lawn would be visible a long ways off.

Perry saw nothing from his angle, so he hurried around a corner of the house. Ah! There it was, crossing the lawn sinuously. When he was ten feet from it, Perry blasted away with his shotgun. The roar of the gun brought Juan and several others out of the house.

"What is it, senor?" demanded Juan.

"Your killer. A cobra, if I'm not mistaken."

"But I don't understand. A cobra—" "This one evidently came from India," said Perry. "Doubtless by Don Diego. I suspected it when I found the bowl of milk in your nephew's room."

Don Juan still didn't comprehend. "You mean—"

"It's like this," Perry said. "Cobras can smell milk fifty yards or more away. This one was probably released from its cage at the edge of the lawn, on the side of the house where your nephew was to sleep. At any point it is less than twenty yards across your lawn to the wall."

"But who placed the bowl of milk?" Juan asked incredulously.

"Someone in your house is a traitor, in Don Diego's pay. He placed the milk, probably having no idea what for."

At this point one of the servants cried out and pointed. A man was running from the house, heading for the highway. Perry shouted and brought the gun up. The man halted and a dozen mestizos piled upon him. He was a recent addition to Don Carlos' retinue. It was an easy matter to make him talk: He definitely incriminated Don Diego.

"Of course," Perry stated, "Don Diego

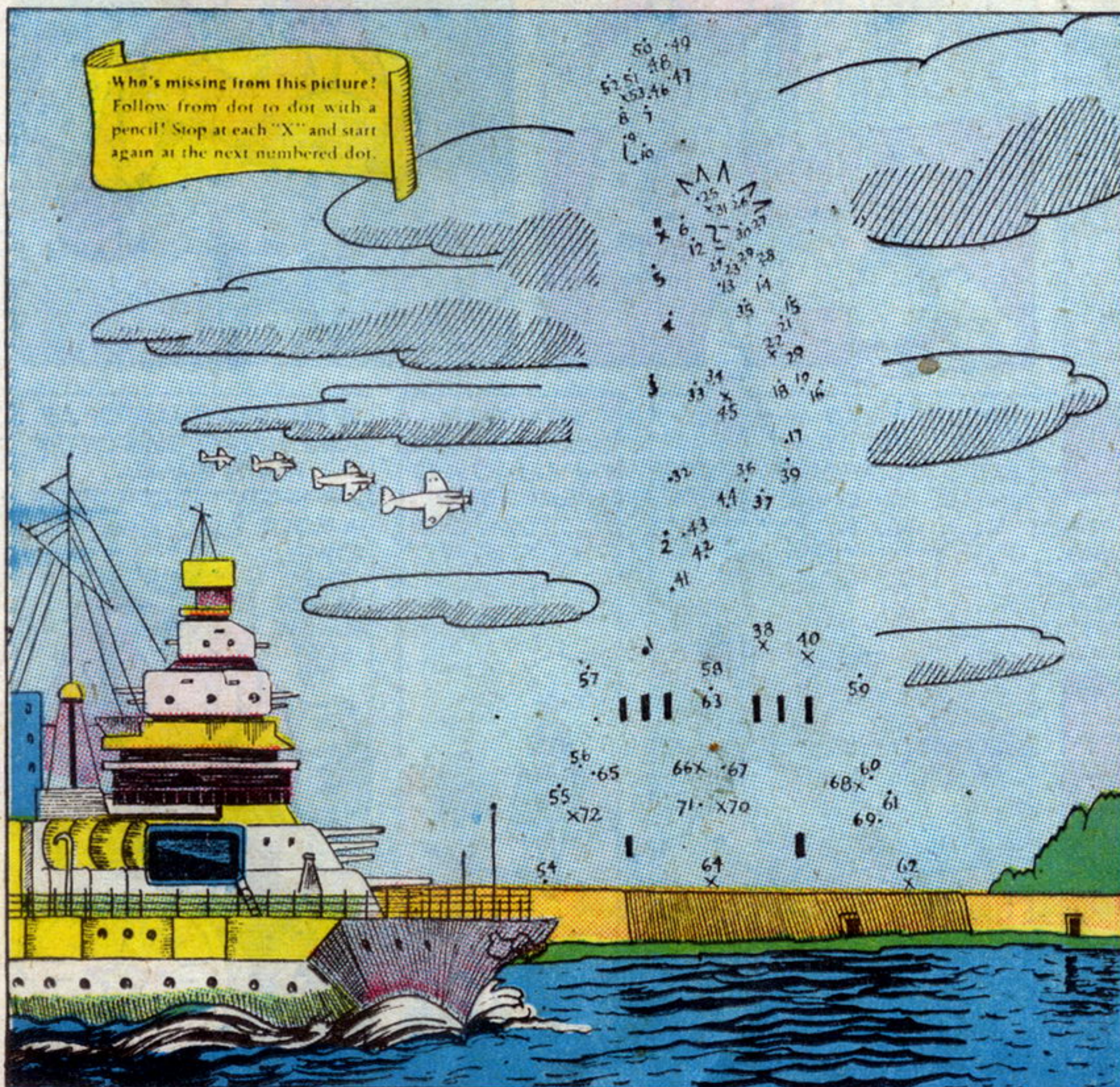
always wanted your father's plantation, and took this method of frightening you into a sale, after everything else failed. I know, now, why you didn't discover any marks on the victims: the bite of a cobra leaves infinitesimal holes in the skin, which close entirely soon after they strike."

Don Juan still looked baffled. "But those little boxes—" he began.

Perry laughed. "Oh, those. Well, I brought those Japanese crickets from Japan. They're excellent chirpers. They are also fine watchdogs. Every Japanese house has its crickets. Whenever they stop chirping at night, the household knows that someone is prowling around the place. I used them for the same purpose. Had we kept the lights on, we'd never have trapped our killer."

Juan Romero held out his hand. "You Americans! You're — magicians! And may the good God bless you!"

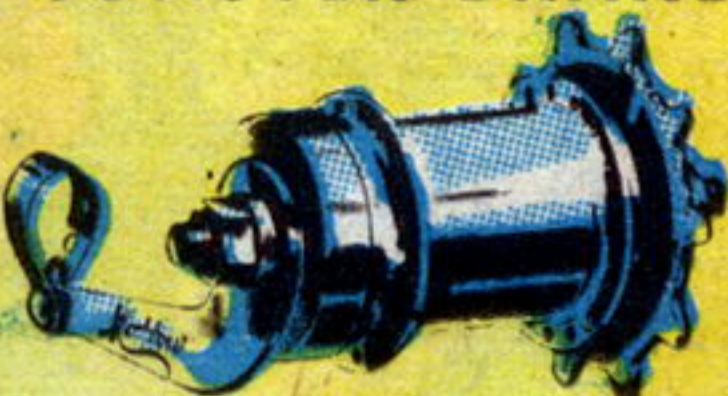
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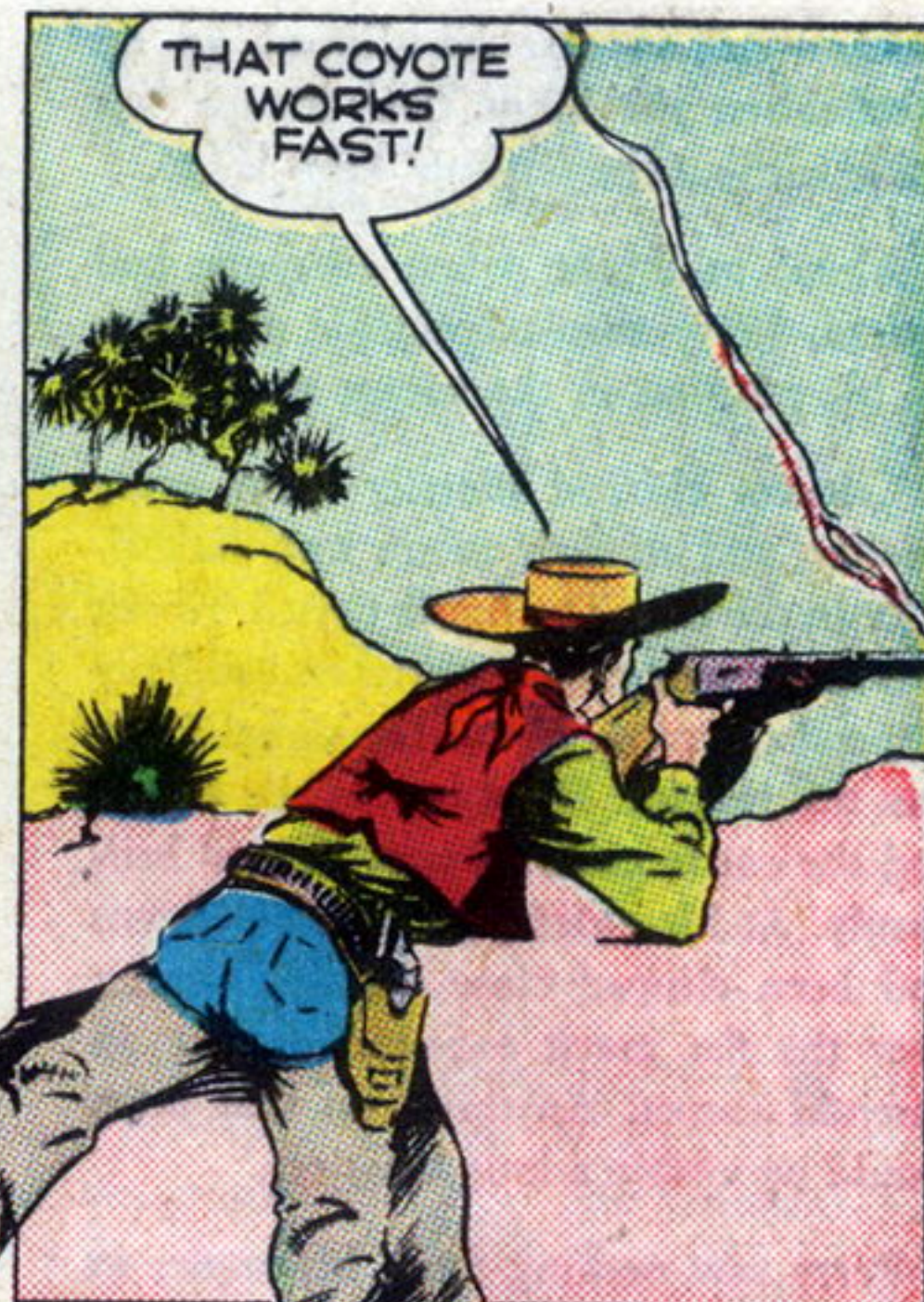


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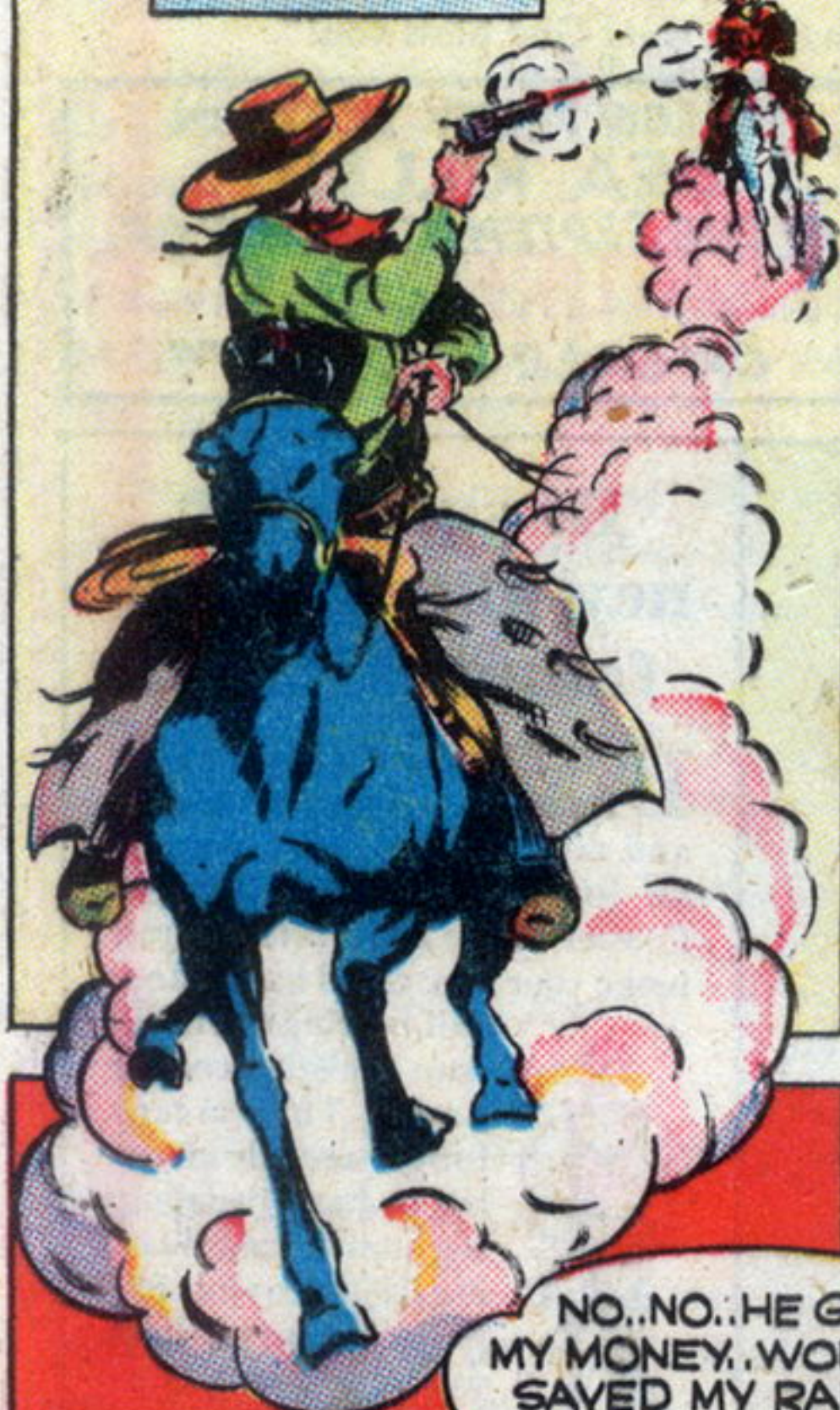


# THE FARGO KID

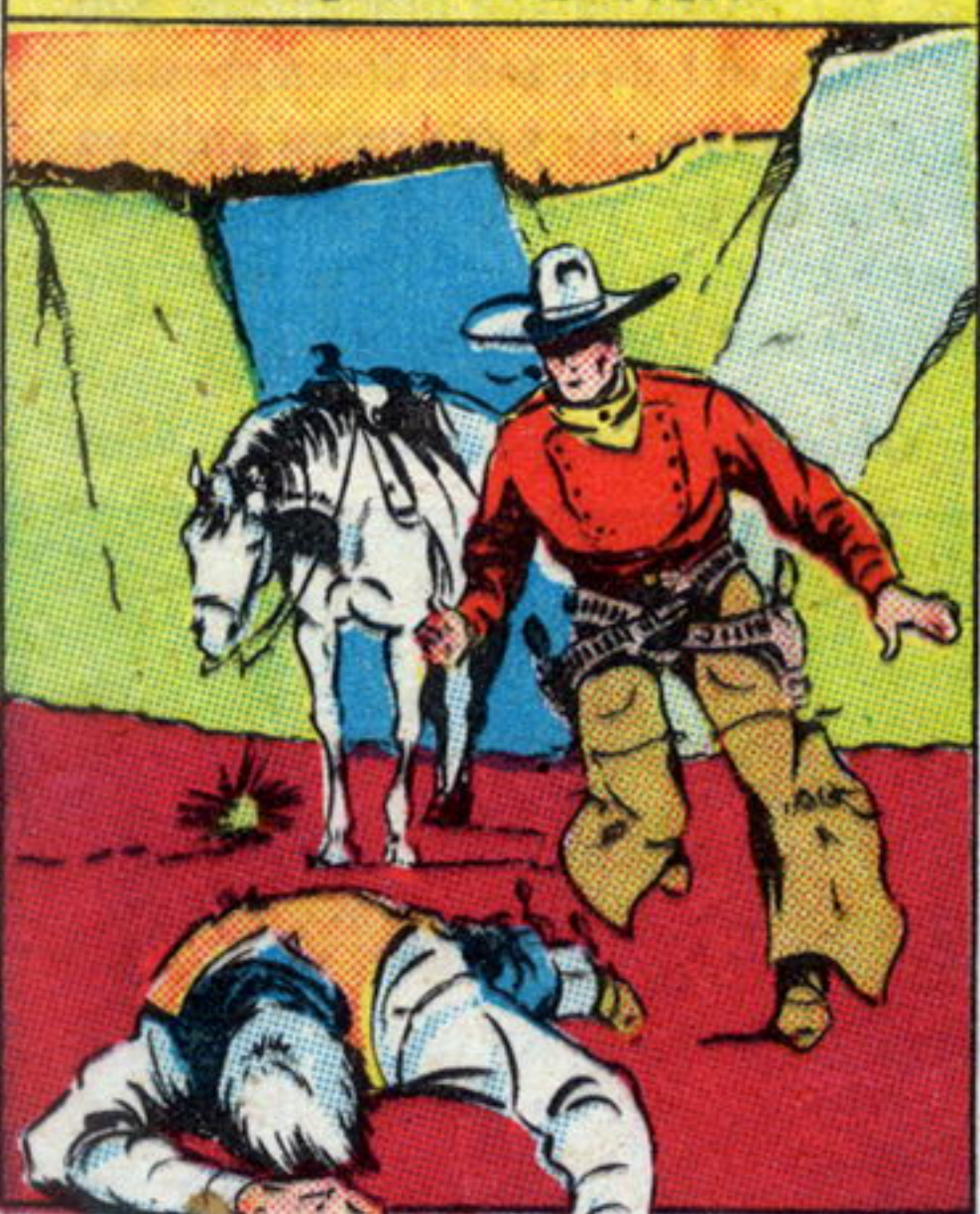
A PRODUCT OF THE WEST OF TODAY, TIM TURNER, BETTER KNOWN AS THE FARGO KID IS THE LAW'S STOUTEST ALLY... HE HEARS A GUN BARK... A VICTIM FALLS... FARGO KID SHOTS AT THE FLEEING ASSAILANT



FARGO KID GIVES CHASE.. BUT THE MARAUDER IS SOON OUT OF RANGE....



THE VICTIM, AN OLD MAN, SEEMS BEYOND HELP AS HIS BENEFACTOR RETURNS...



THE AGED HEAD SAGS... AND WITH BREATH COMING IN GASPS THE RANCHER PASSES AWAY..



WITH THE RIDERLESS HORSE THE FARGO KID HEADS INTO TOWN...



HE PULLS UP SHARPLY AS SOMETHING GLEAMS ON THE WHITE SAND...





LATER..NOW IN TOWN THE KID IS SURROUNDED BY MEN WHO INTENTLY LISTEN TO THIS ACCOUNT OF THE HOLDUP MURDER.....

AND THE SNAKE GOT AWAY FAST WHEN HE SAW ME...



THE OLD RANCHER'S DAUGHTER RUNS TOWARD THE GROUP...

MY DAD!! IT WAS MY DAD, WASN'T IT?



SHE IS WATCHED BY THE BEADY EYES OF THE MAN WHO HOLDS THE RANCH MORTGAGE



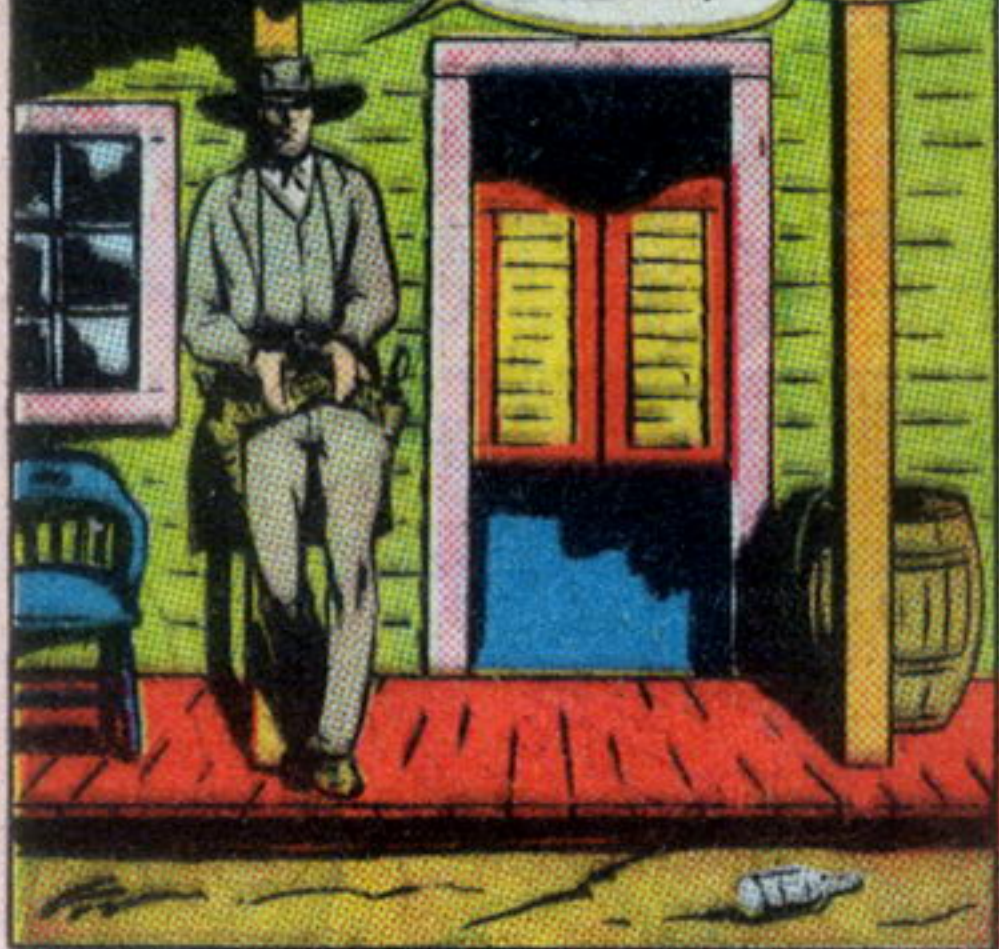
TELL ME.. PLEASE TELL ME!! WHO DID IT.. OH-H-H... DID MY DAD...??

QUIET NOW... GET HOLD OF YOURSELF... I'LL HELP YOU....



THE MORTGAGE HOLDER, WHO IS THE TOWN BOSS, COLDLY APPRAISES THE SCENE...

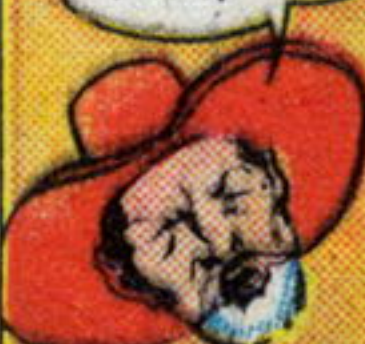
PROBABLY KILLED THE OLD MAN HIMSELF, AND HID THE MONEY... THE MURDER STORY IS OLD STUFF!



SOON THE BOSS'S HENCHMEN TAKE UP THE CRY OF SUSPICION AIMED AT THE FARGO KID....

I THINK HE MURDERED 'IM!

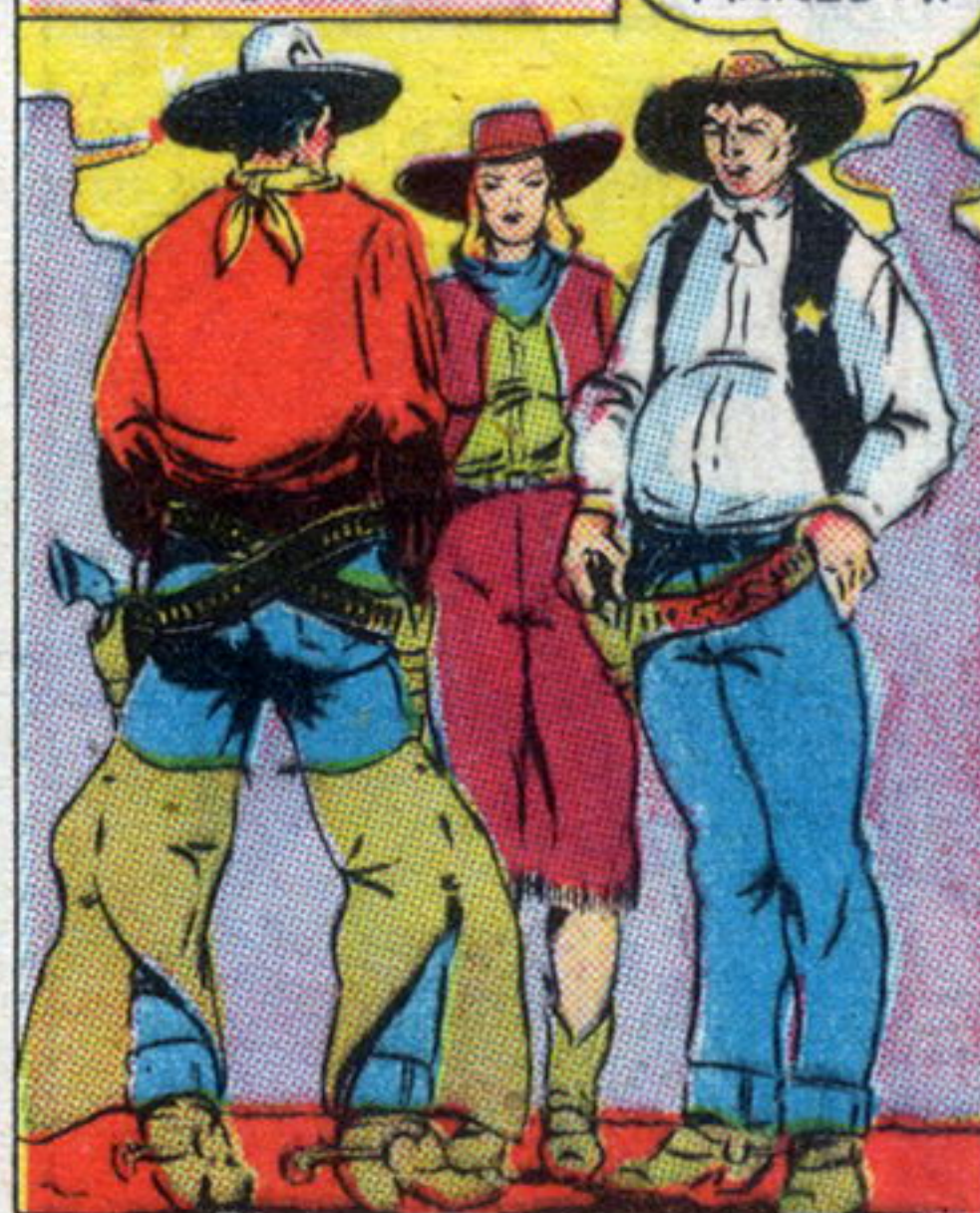
YEAH!



HE CAN'T PROVE HE DIDN'T DO IT!

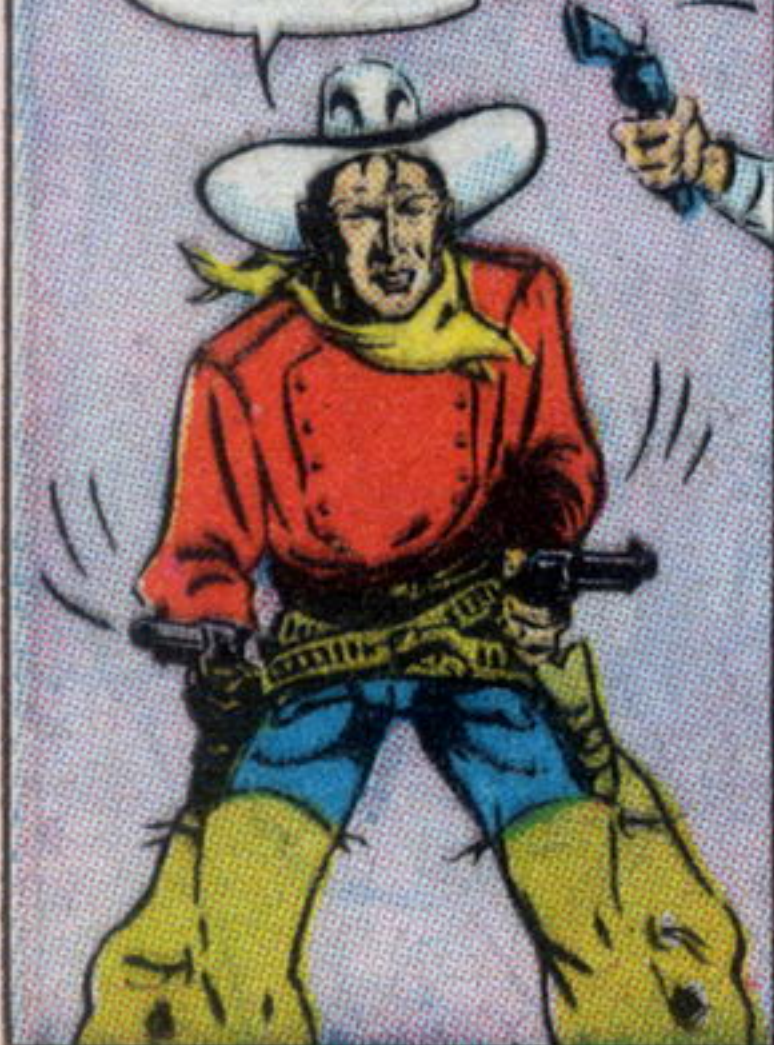
AN HONEST BUT STUPID SHERIFF IS FORCED INTO ACTION..

FARGO, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!!



BUT THE KID IS FAST ON THE DRAW!!

NO I'M NOT SHERIFF!! I'VE GOT OTHER PLANS!!



BUT A GUN BUTT, USED FROM BEHIND, SENDS FARGO KID SPRAWLING INTO THE DUST...

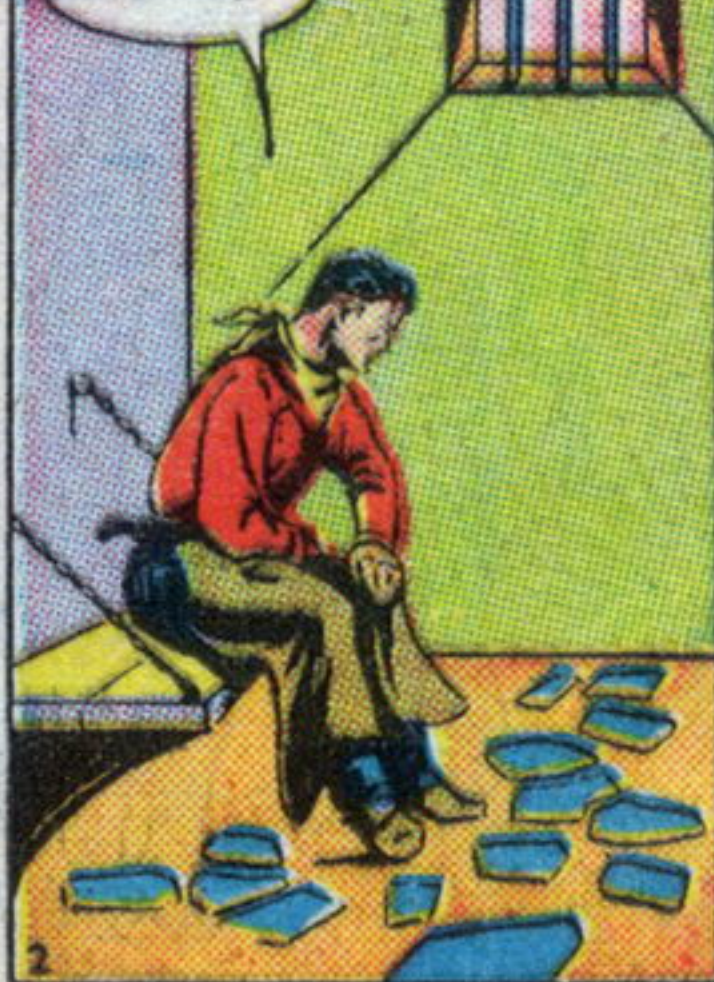


UNCONSCIOUS, HE'S CARRIED OFF TO JAIL...

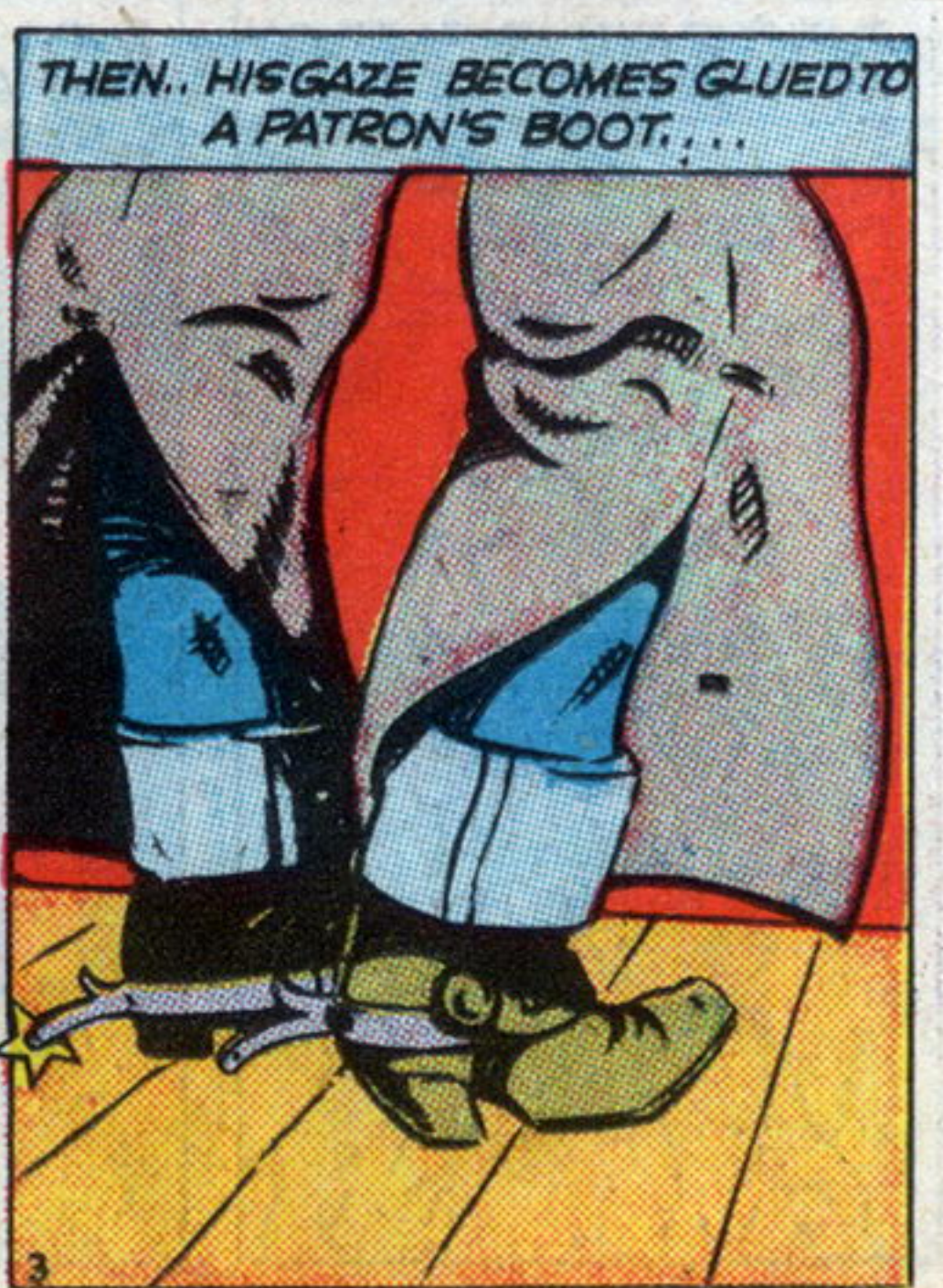
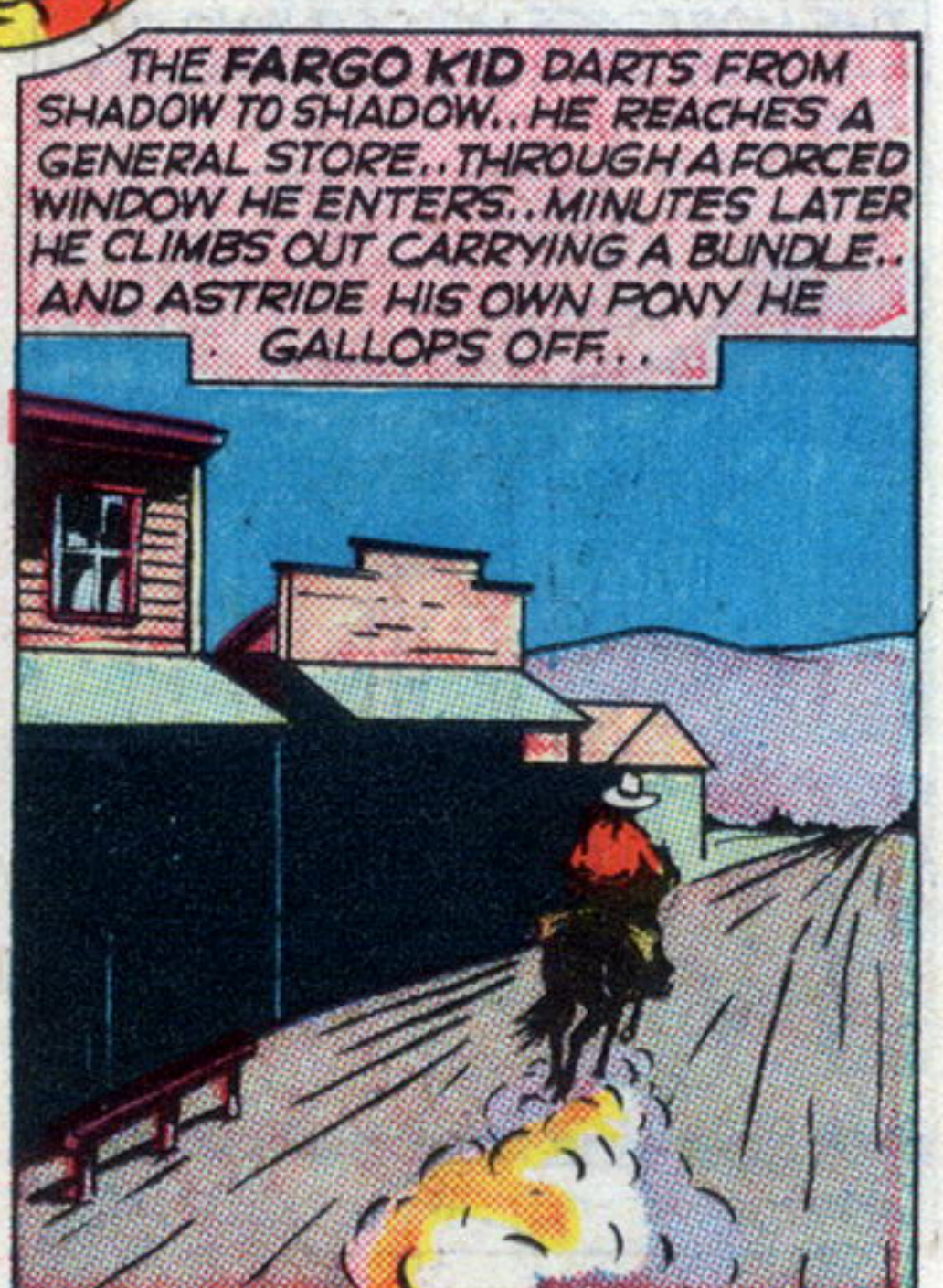
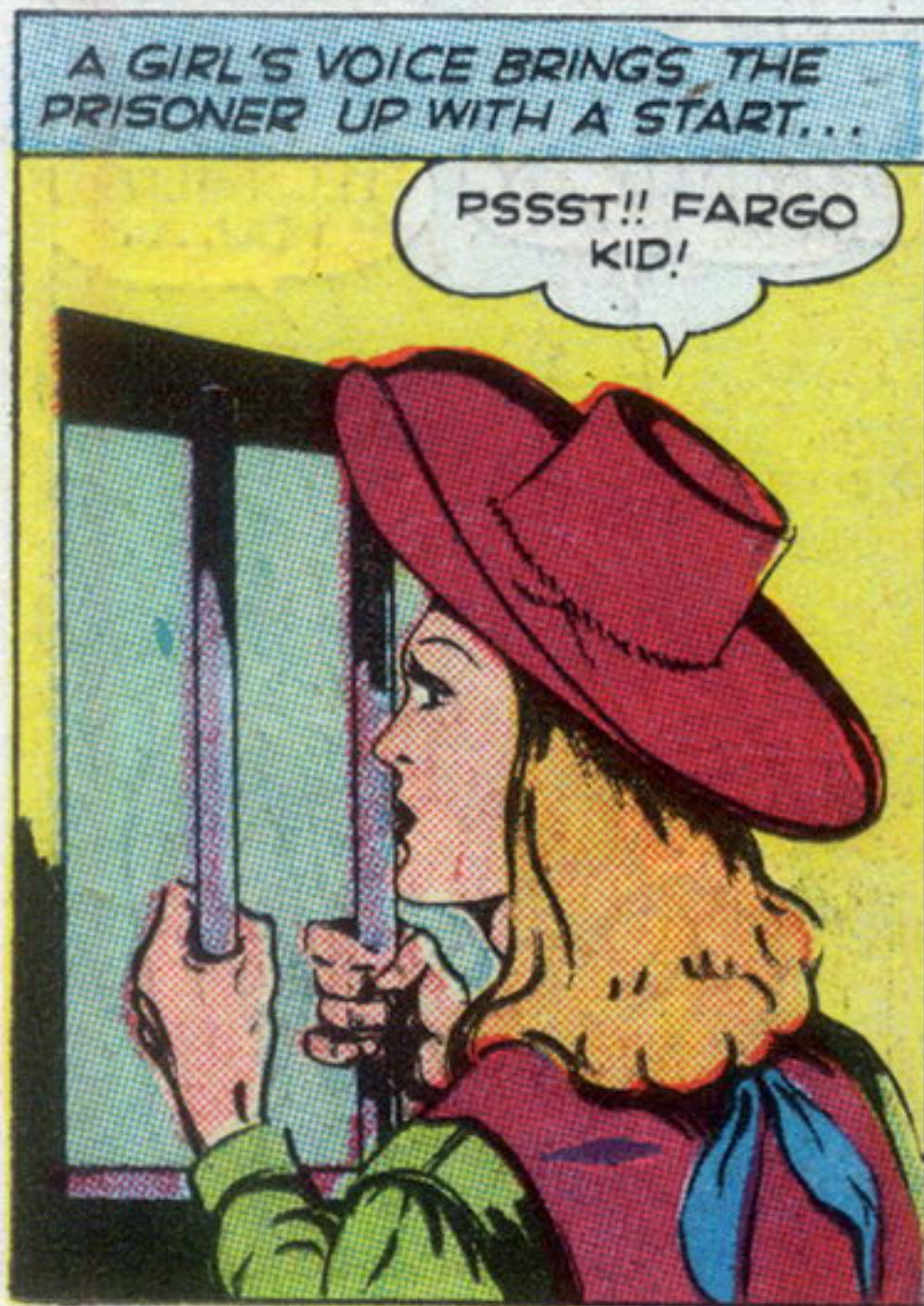


THE SUN IS SINKING BELOW THE HILLS WHEN HE GROGGILY COMES TO..

I'M IN A PRETTY SPOT NOW!!









THE MAN WHO LACKS THE BOOT-ROWEL LEERS AS THE FARGO KID COOLY BRUSHES HIM AT THE BAR...



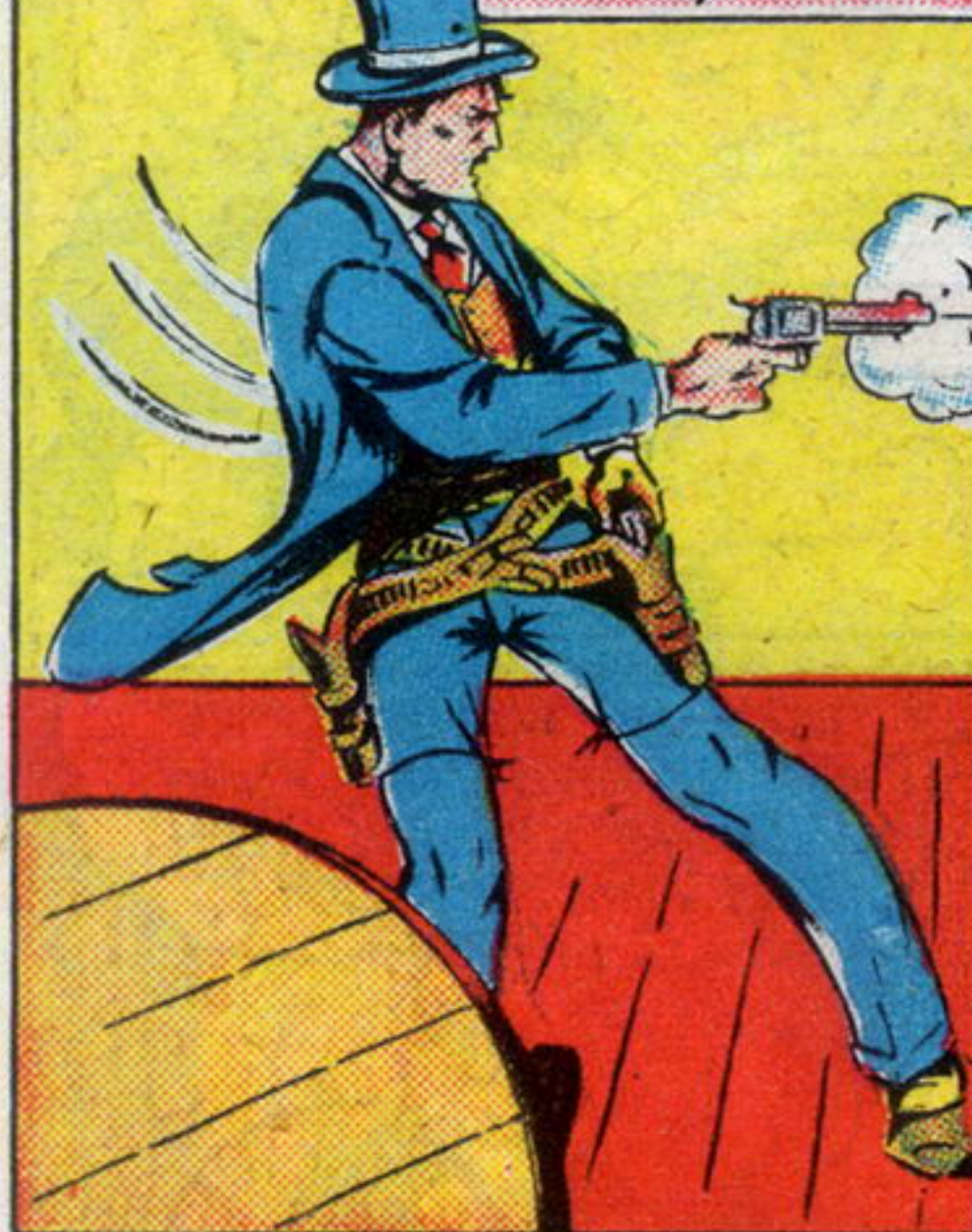
A HALF HOUR LATER... THE KID'S FRIENDLY MANNER HAS LOOSENNED THE MAN'S TONGUE.. HE THAWS OUT.. THEN....



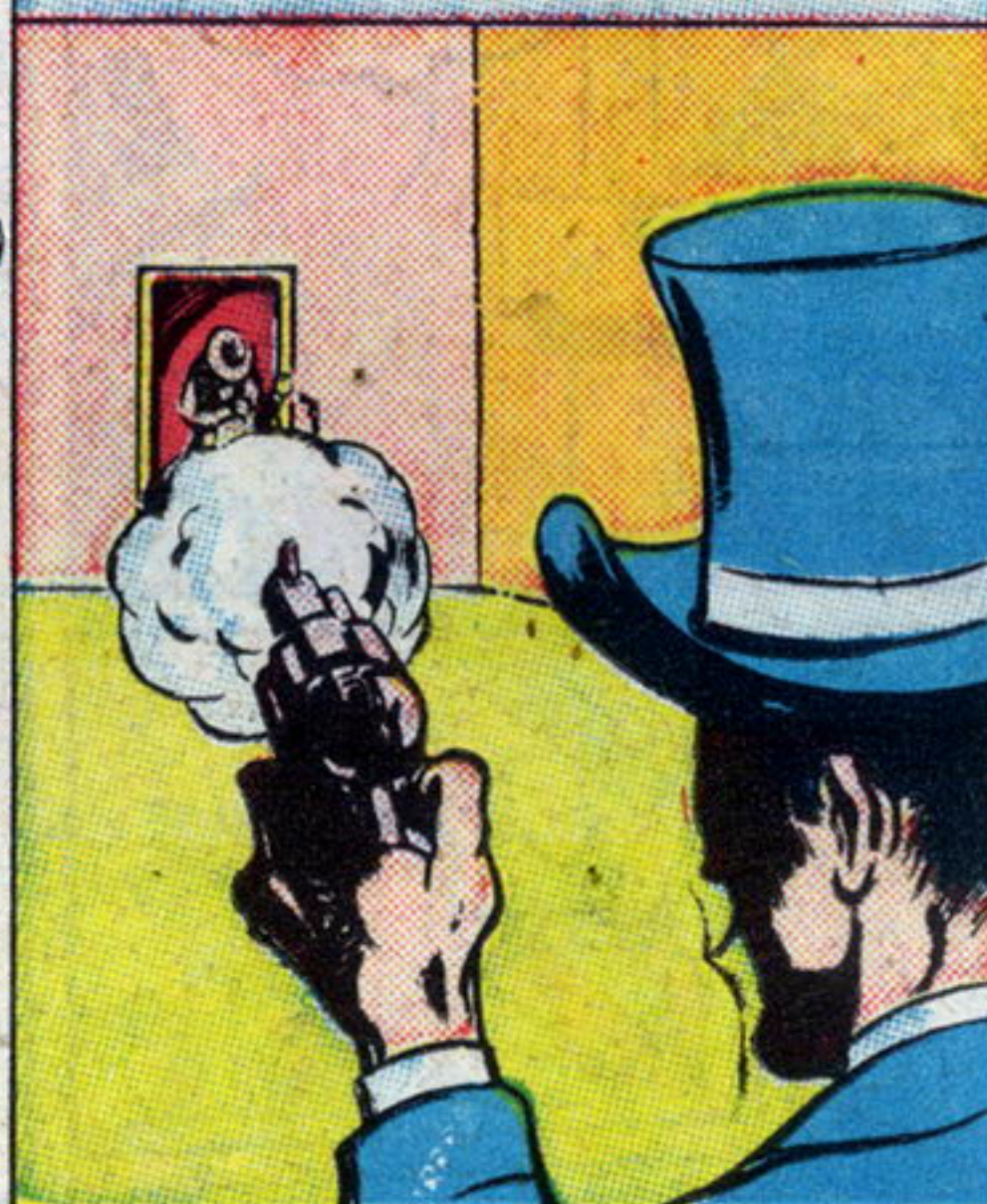
THEY PLAY ONLY A FEW MINUTES... WHEN SUDDENLY A DOOR OPENS BEHIND THE FARGO KID.. THE TOWN BOSS STALKS IN WITH DRAWN GUNS...



BUT IN A FLASH THE KID UPTURNS THE TABLE, AND...



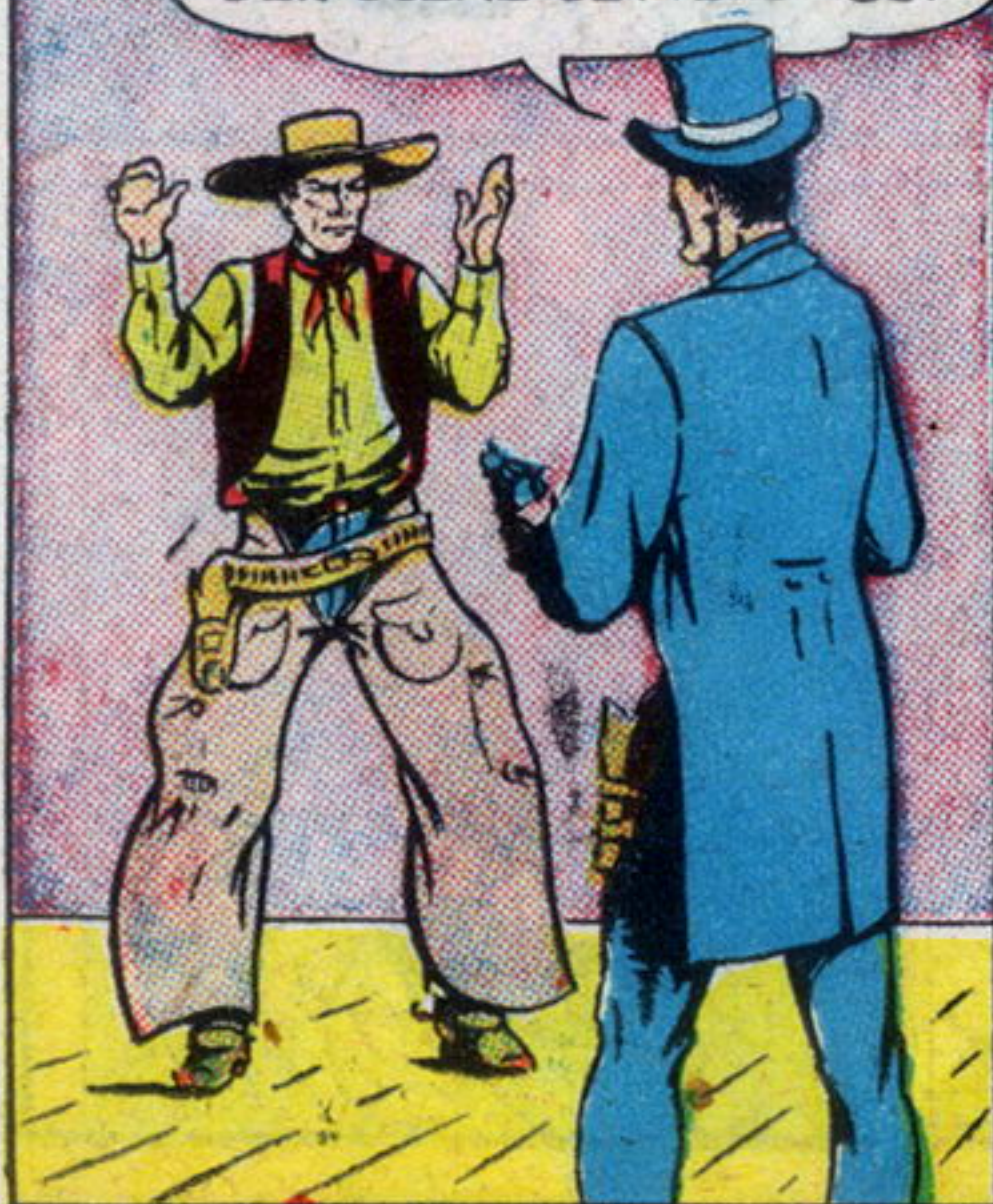
... AS HE WHEELS AROUND HIS RIGHT SHOT MISSES, BUT HIS LEFT GUN DROPS THE BOSS....



JOLTED TO THE FLOOR BY THE TIPPED TABLE, THE OTHER MAN IS FROZEN BY SURPRISE, AND WHEN HE IS LATE DRAWING HIS GUN..



THAT MISSING BOOT-ROWEL WHICH YOU LOST AT THE MURDER SCENE SETTLES YOU!

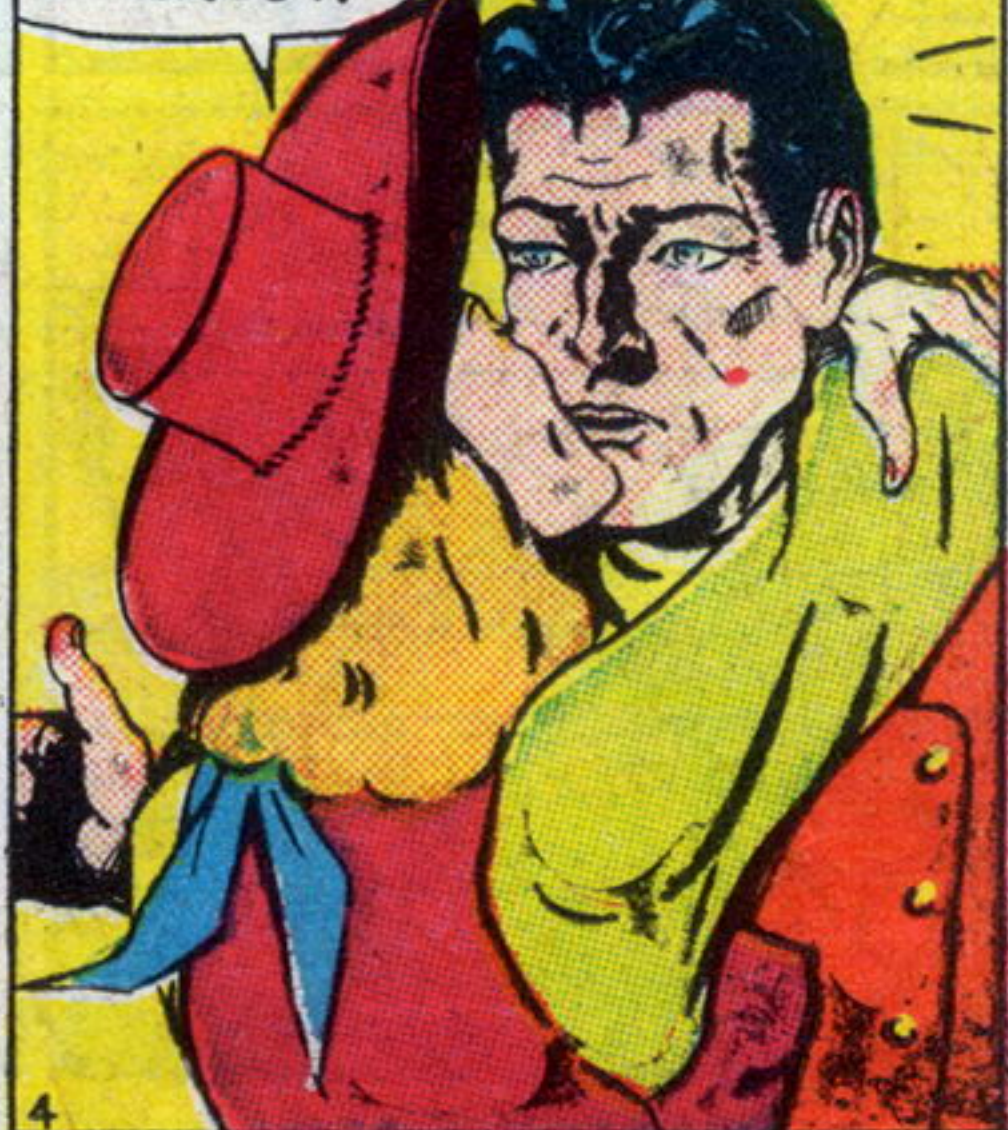


LATER... YOU'VE BEEN WONDERFUL FARGO KID !!

WELL, THAT CROOKED TOWN BOSS AND HIS TRIGGER-MAN HAVE PAID FOR YOUR DAD'S MURDER.

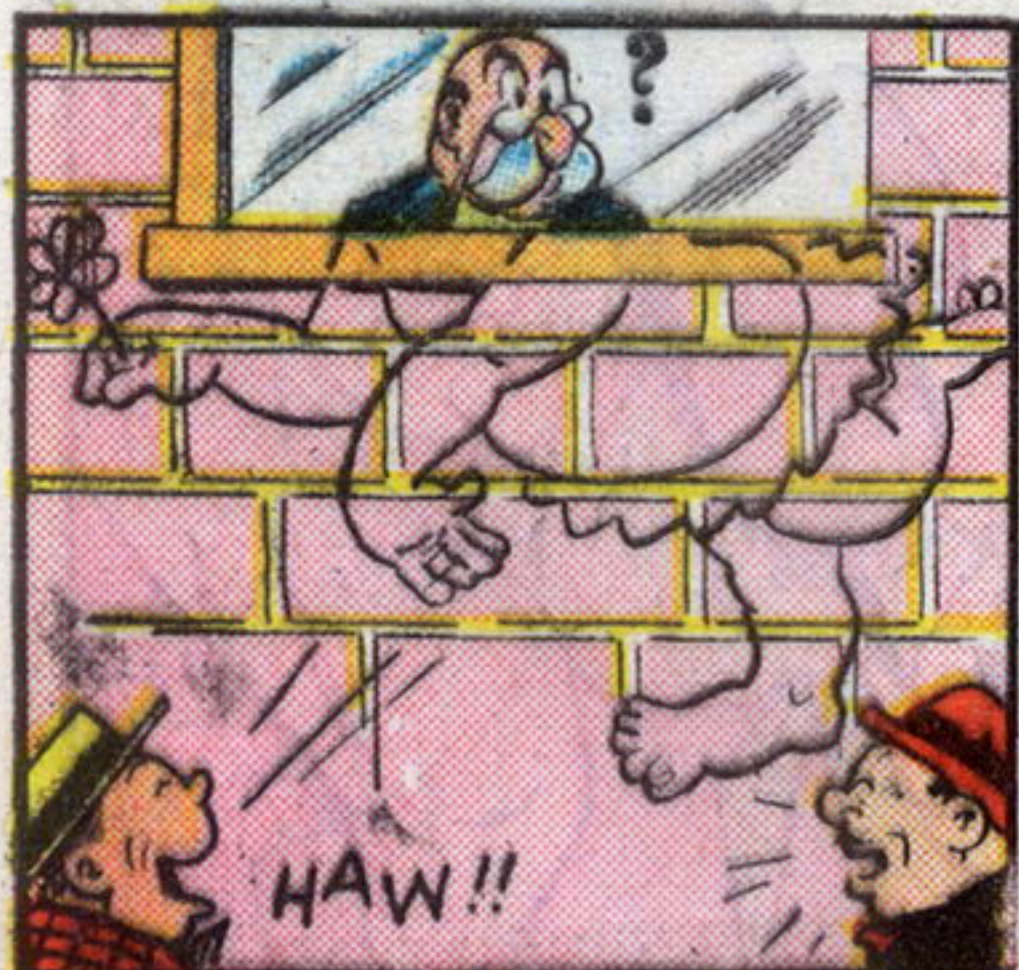
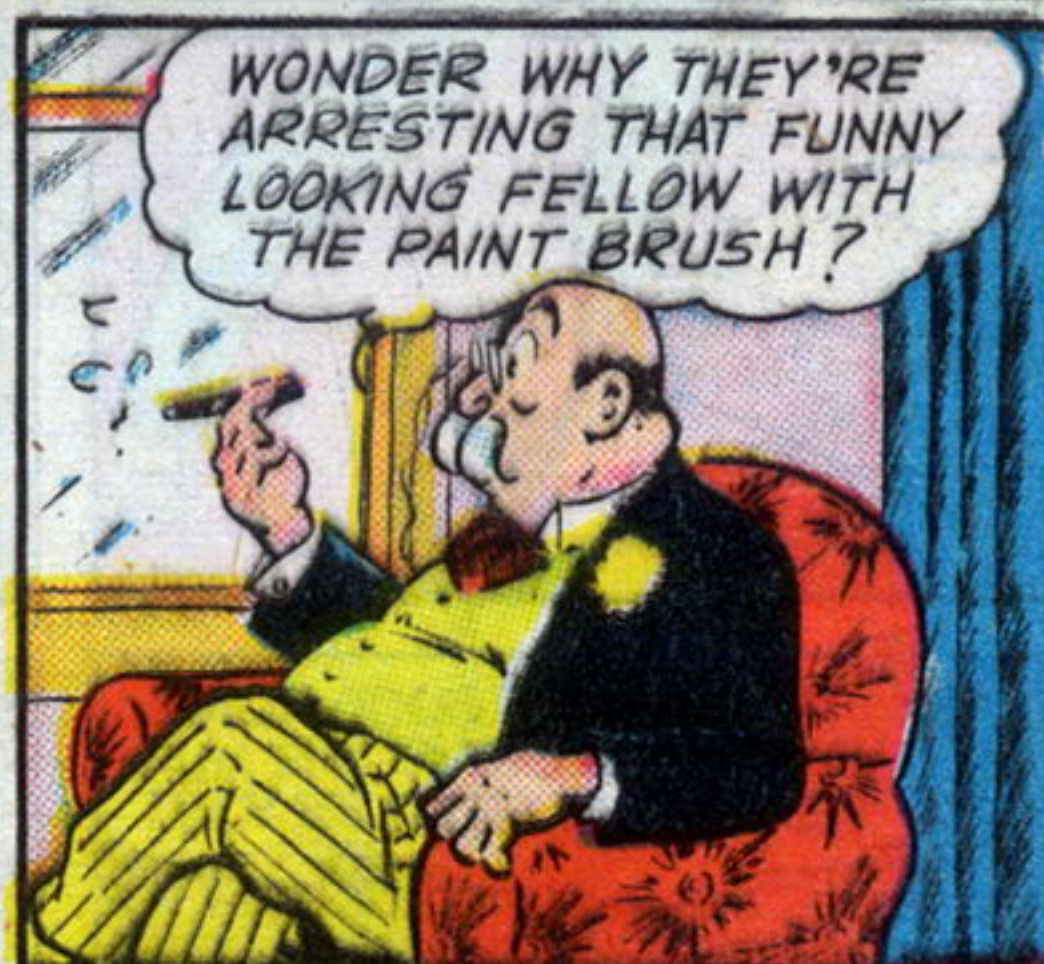
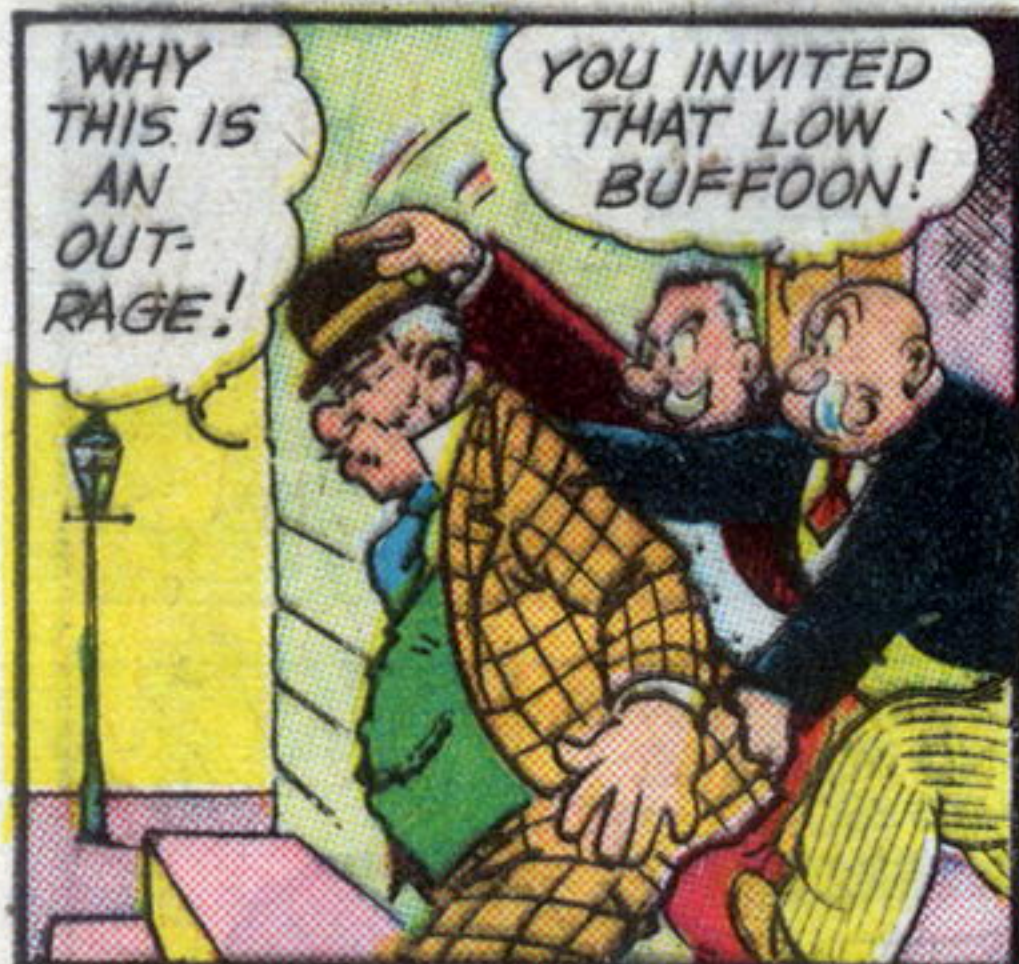
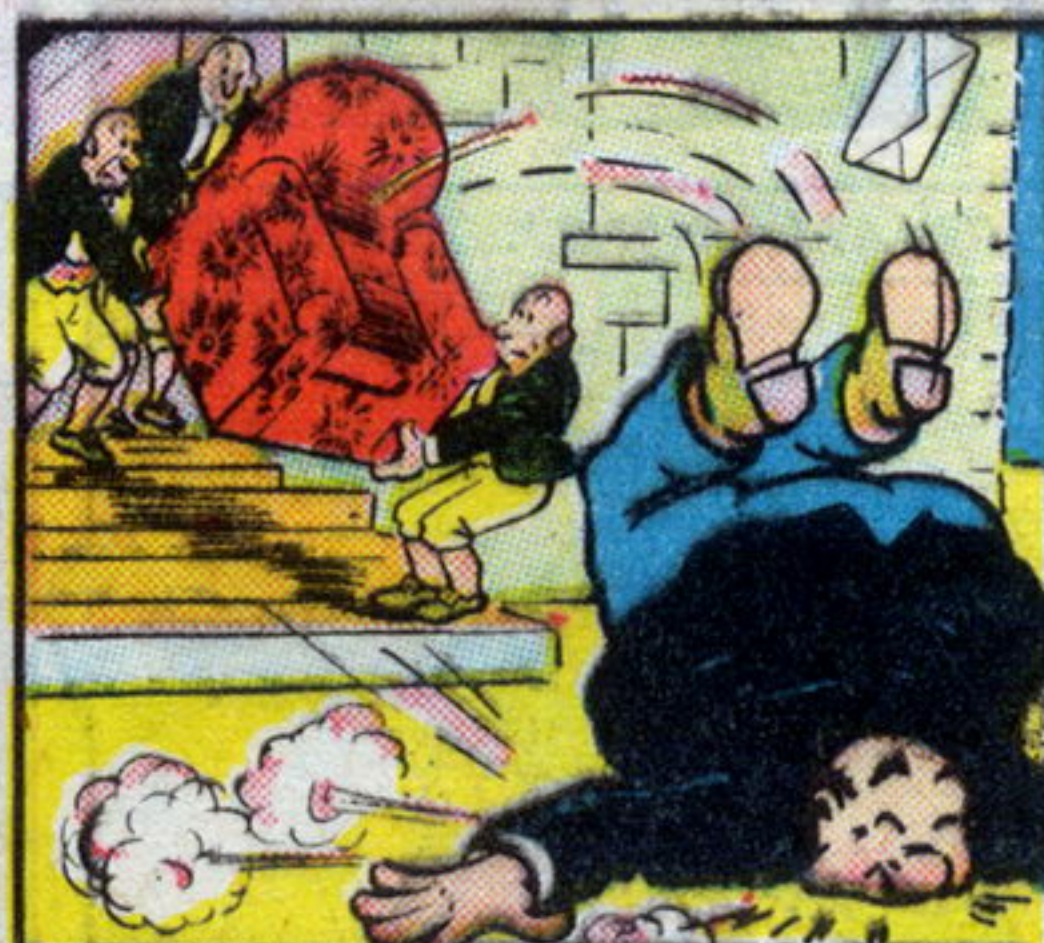
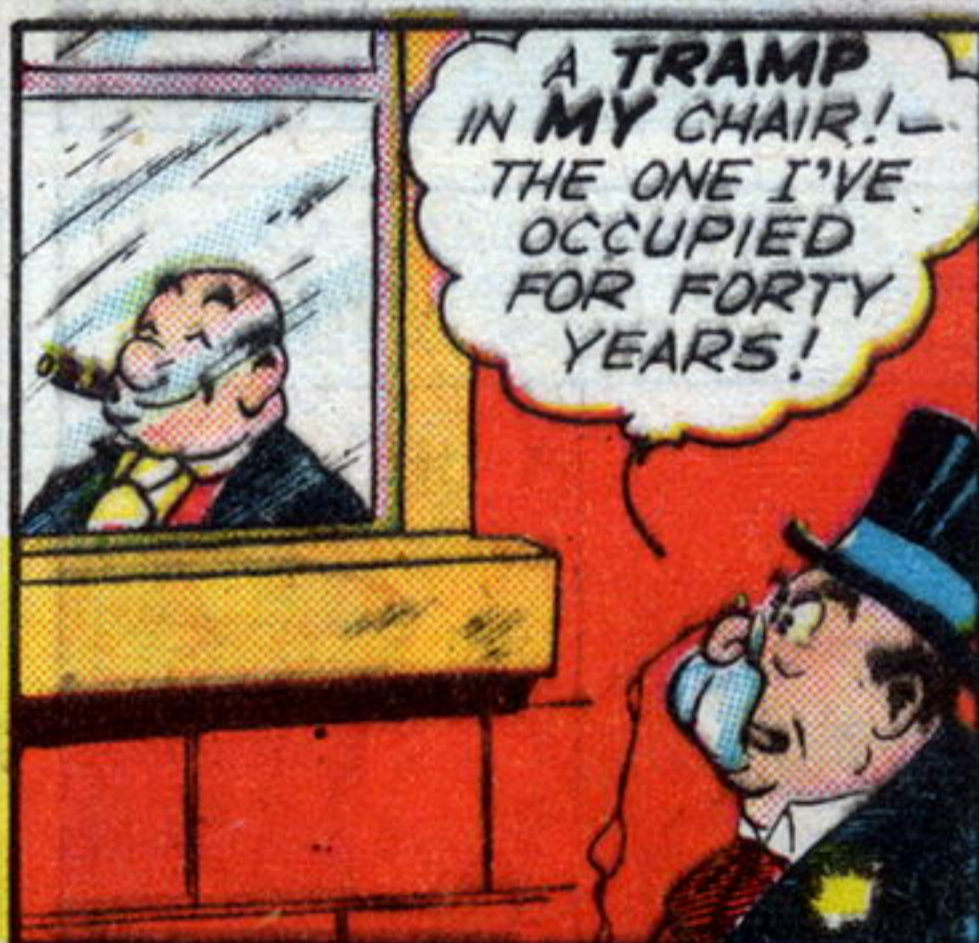
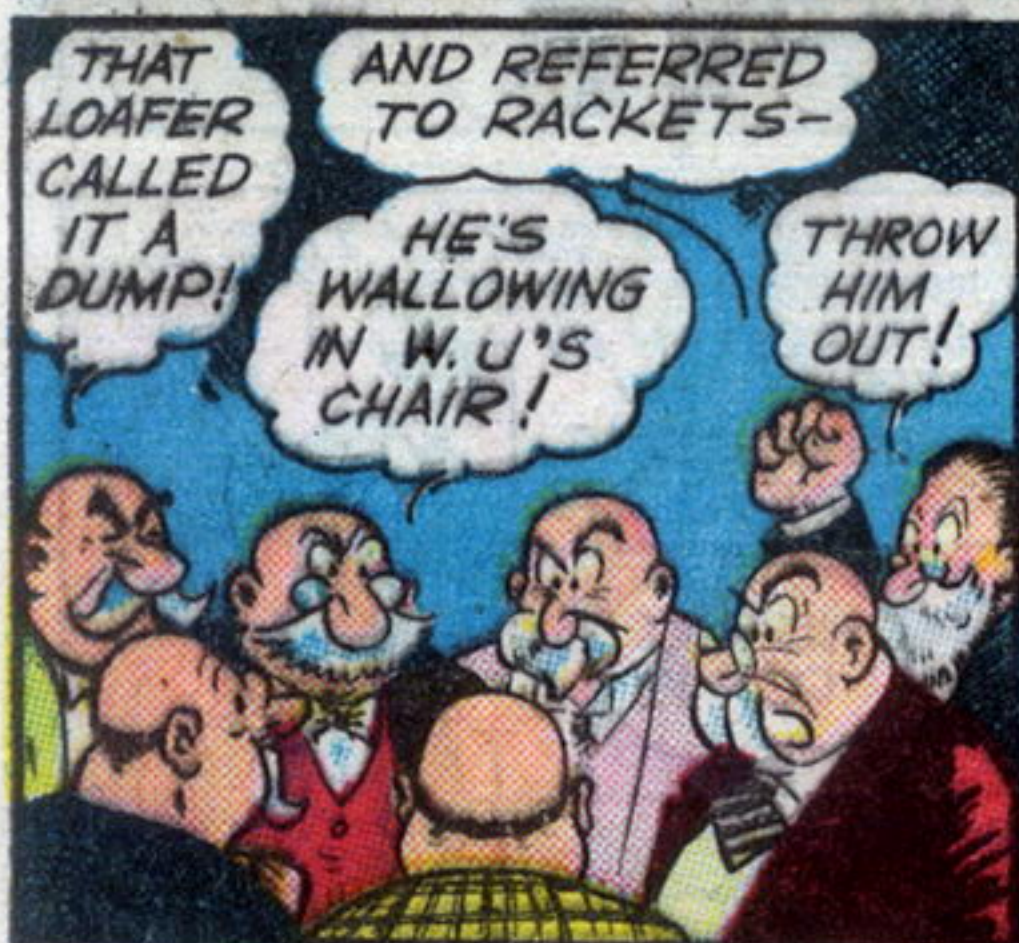
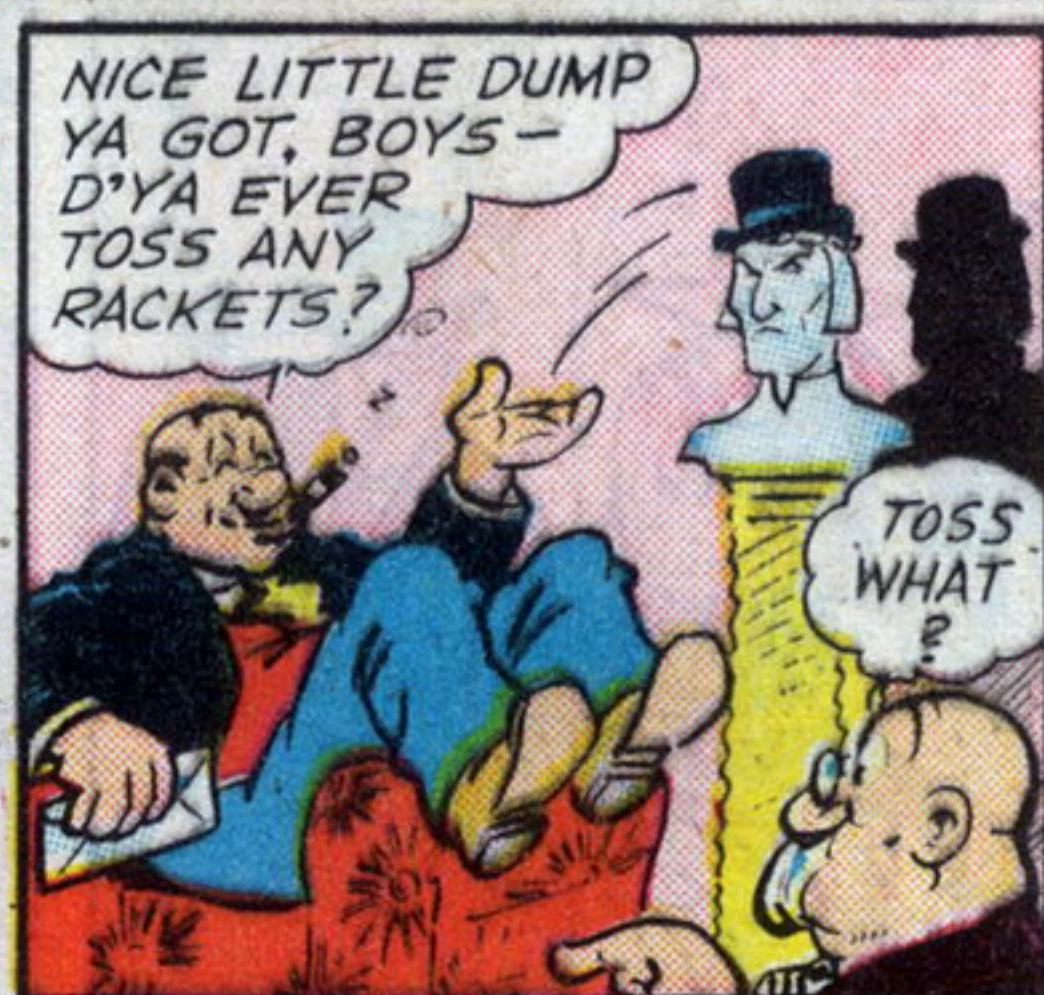


YES.. THEY'VE PAID.. AND NOW I'LL ADD SOME INTEREST!



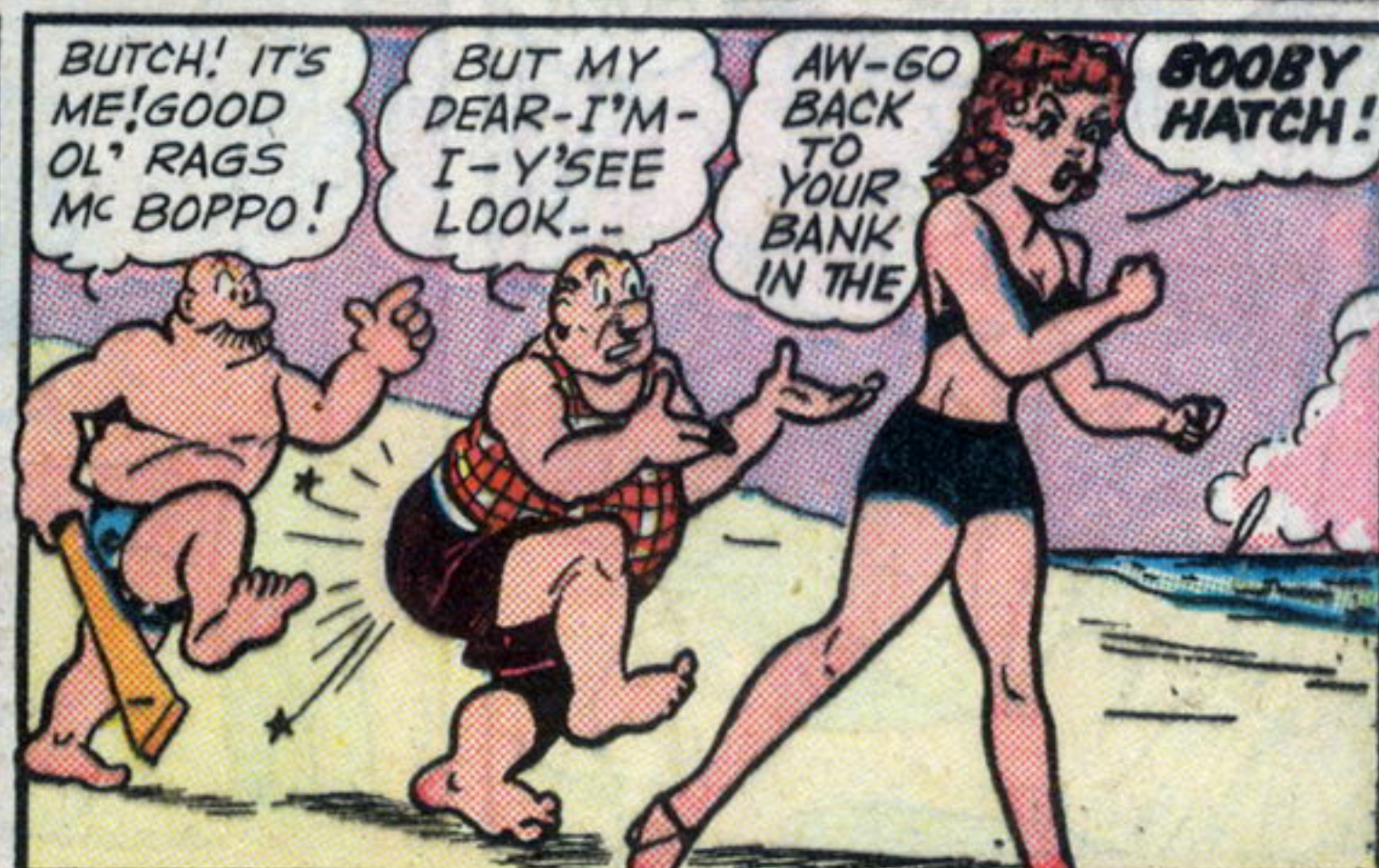
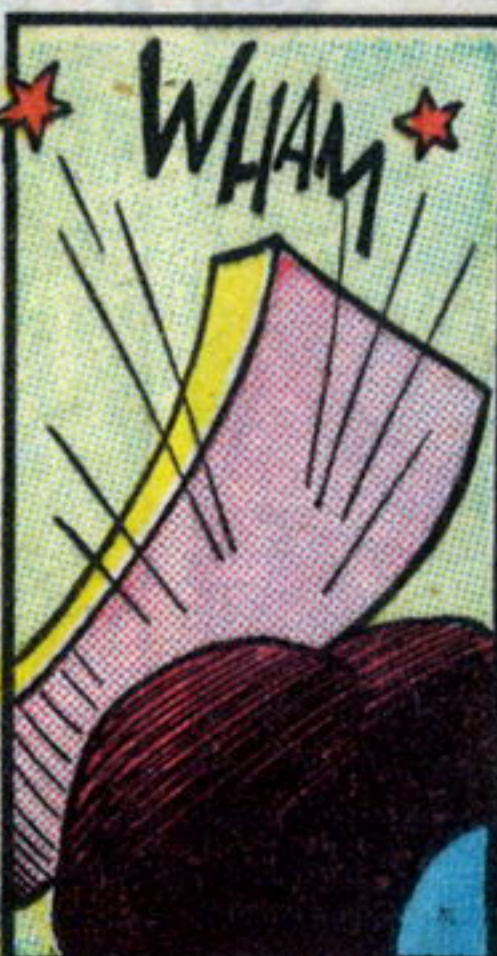
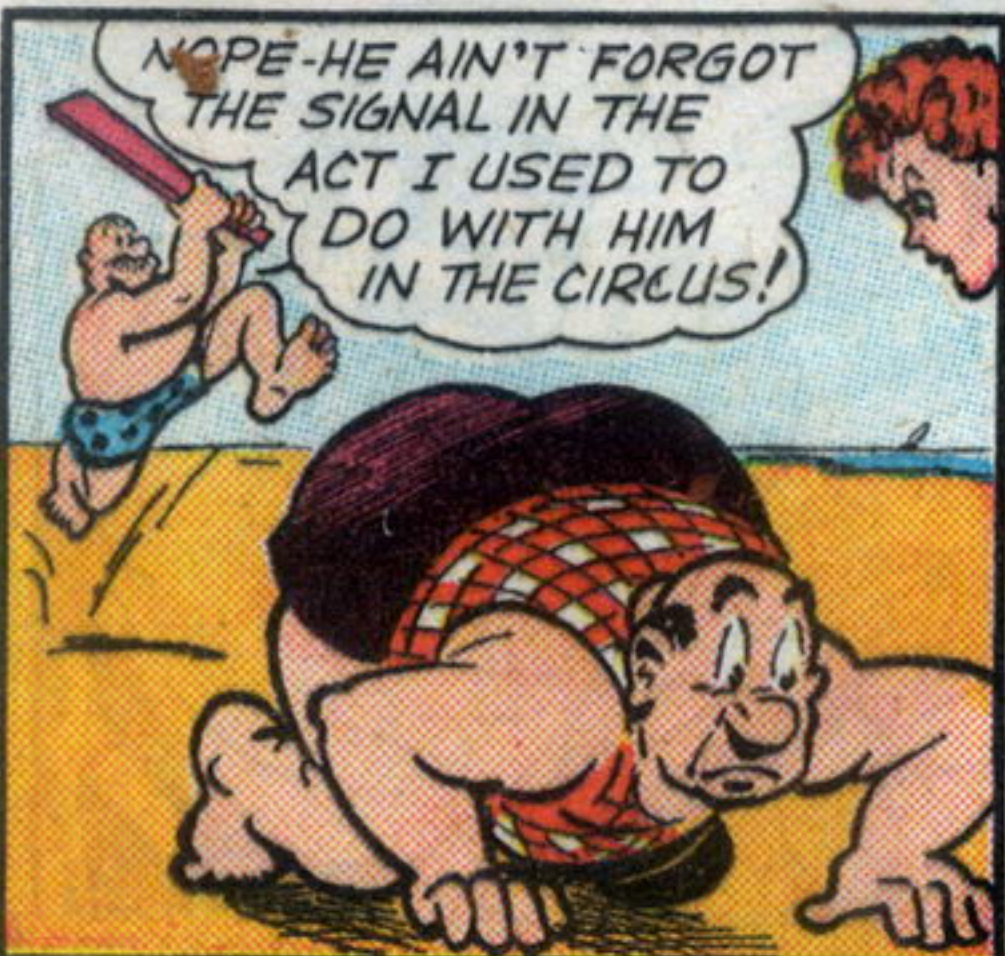
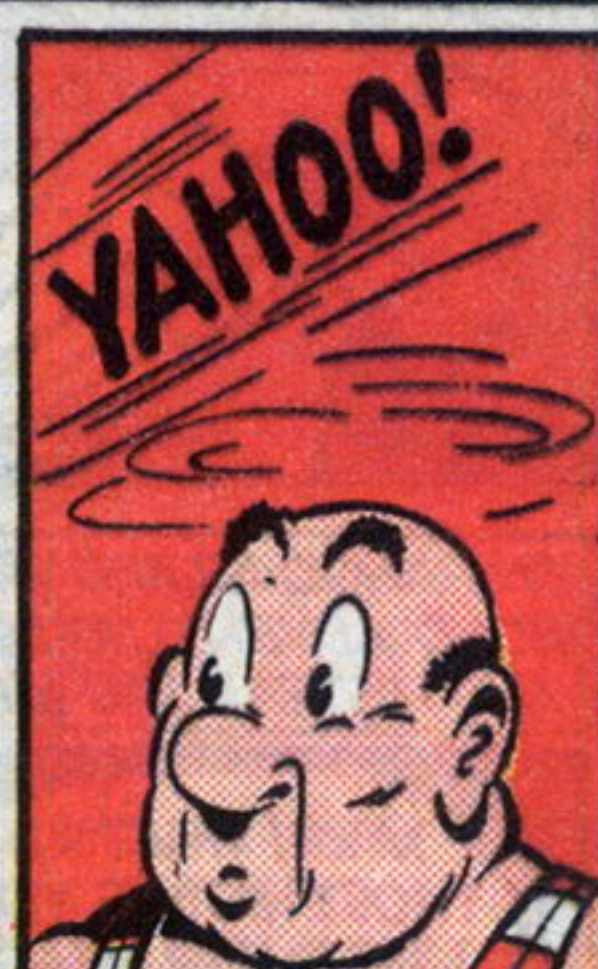
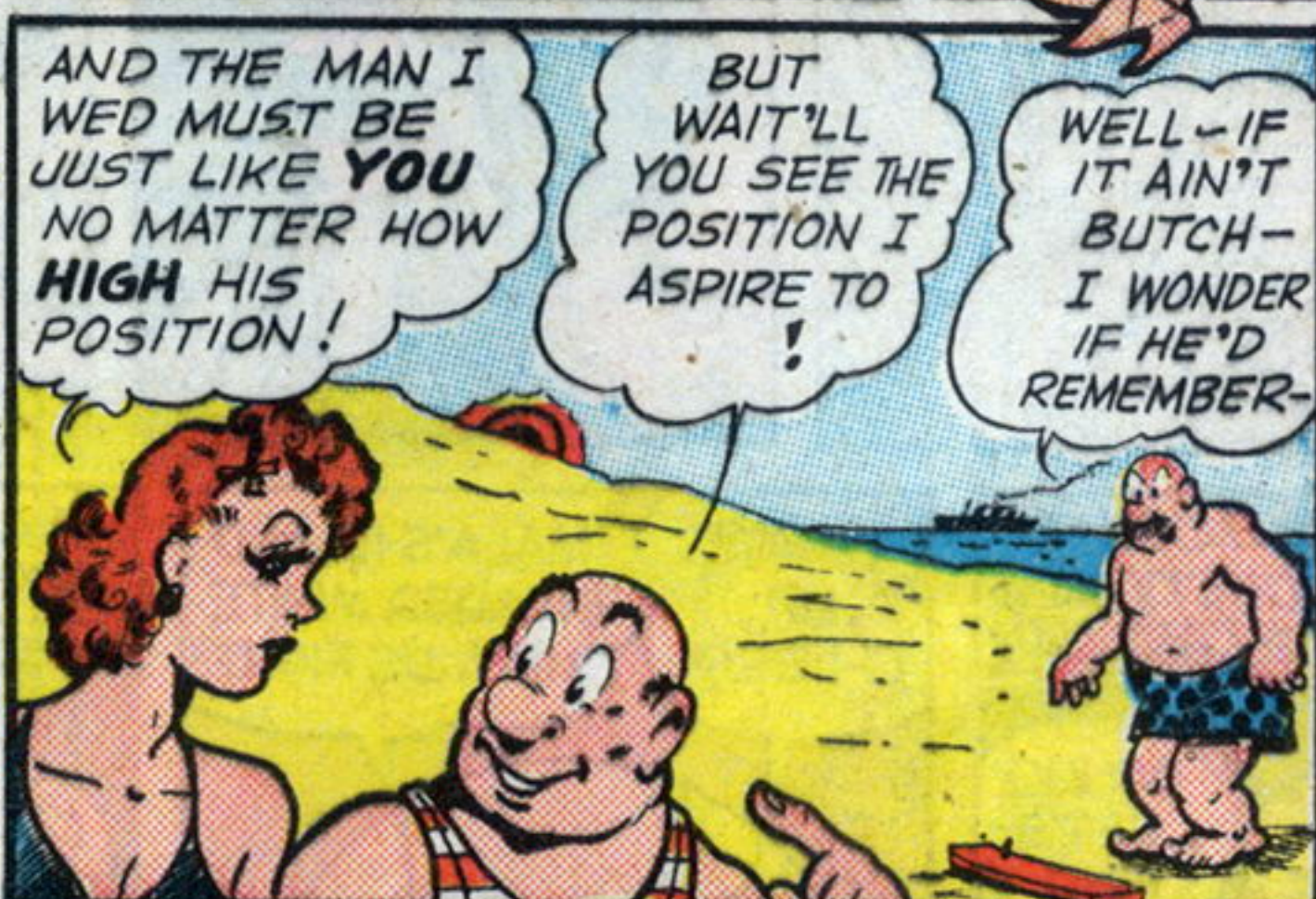
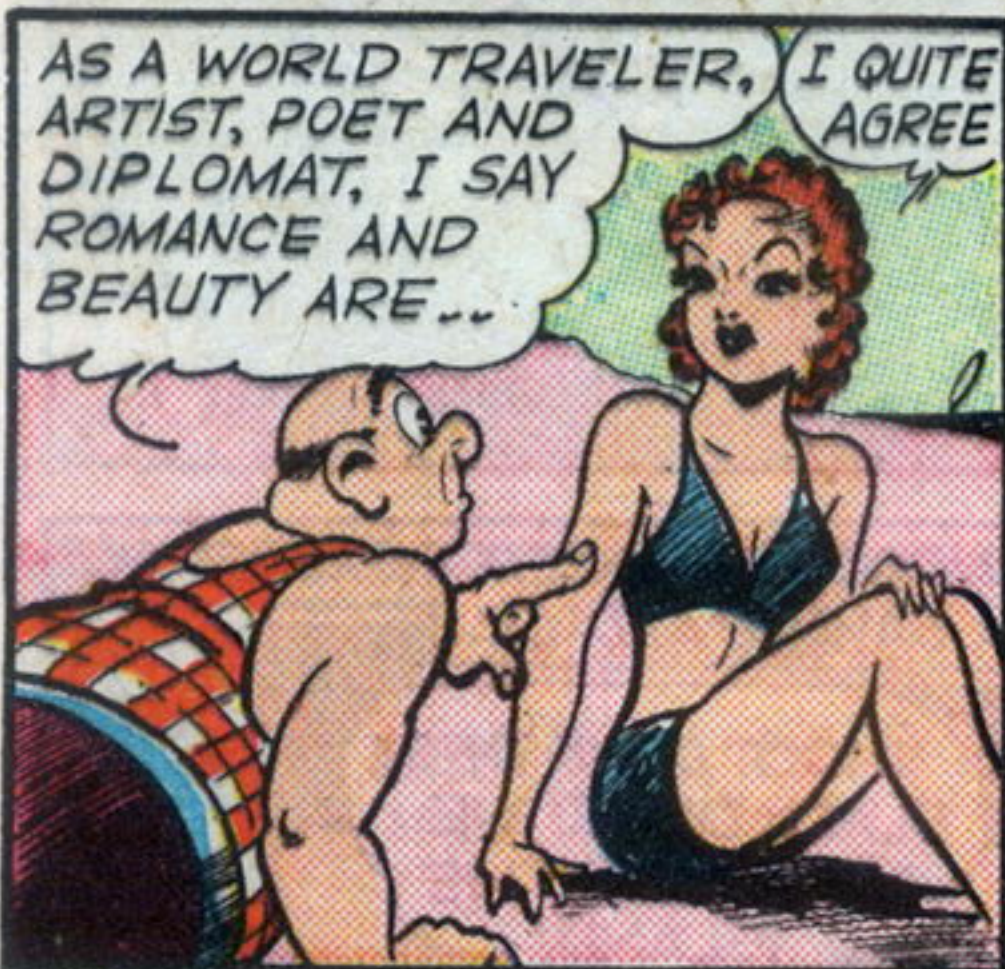
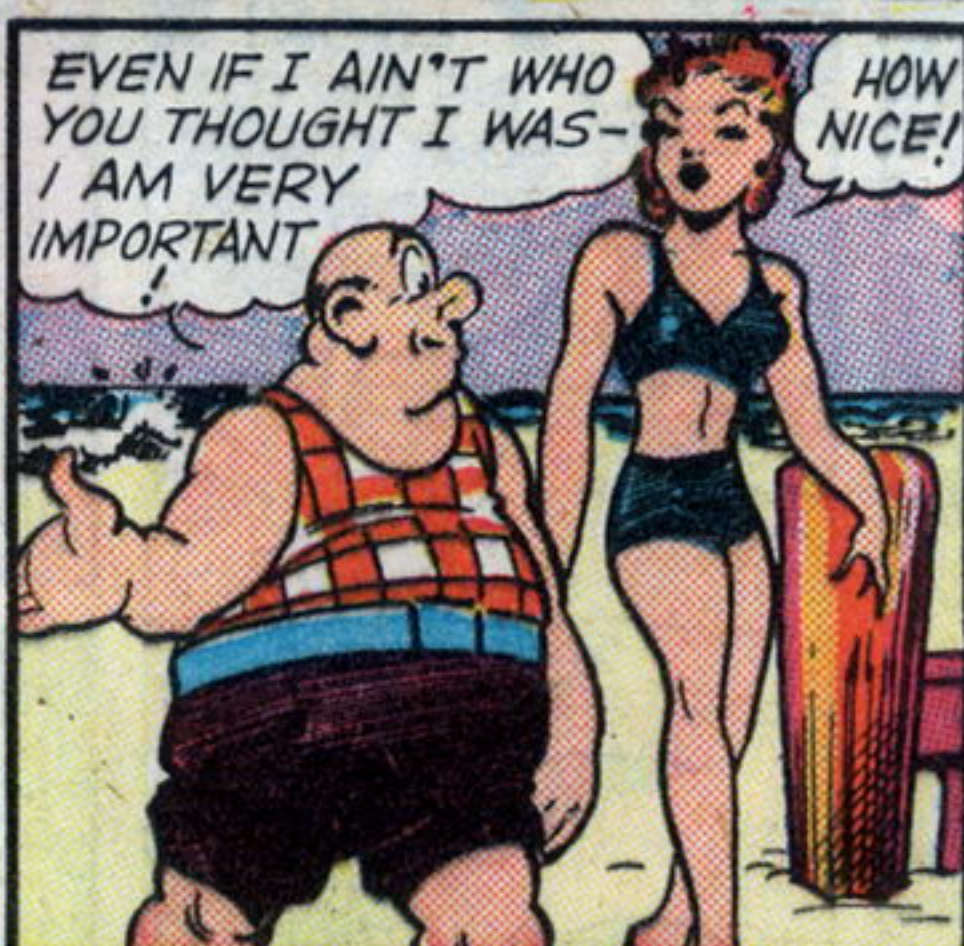
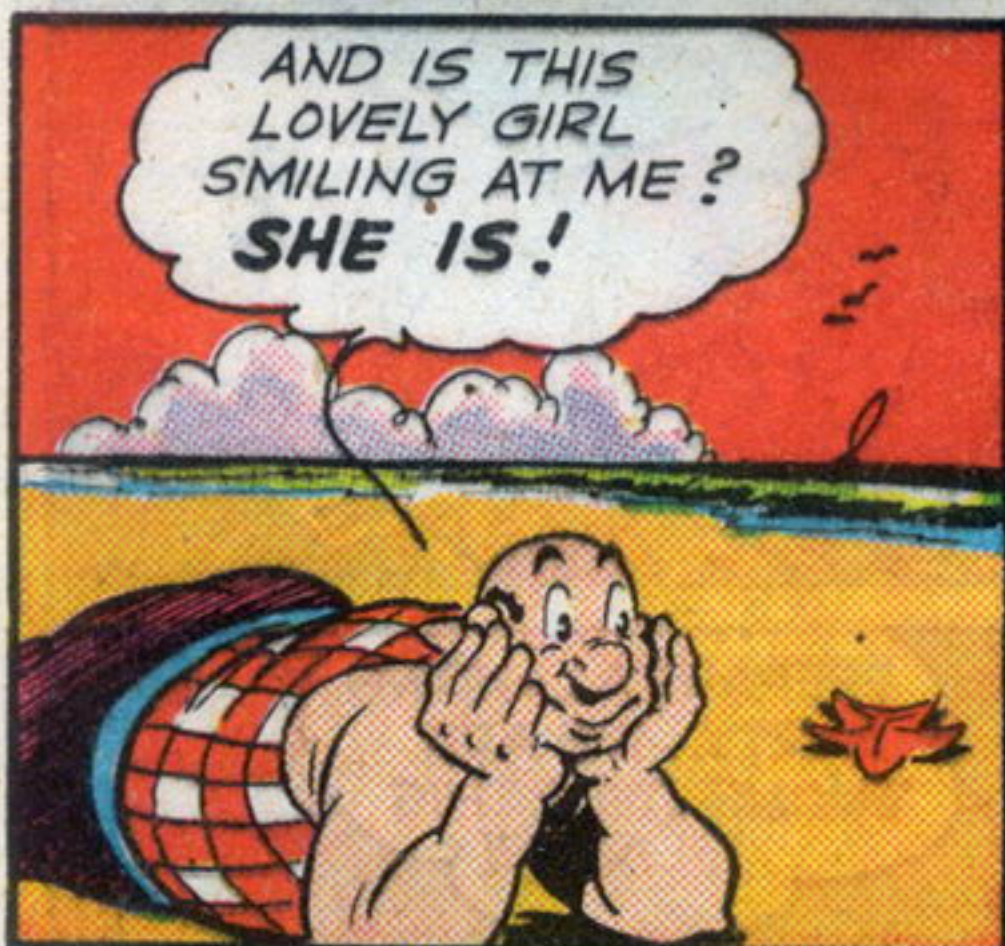
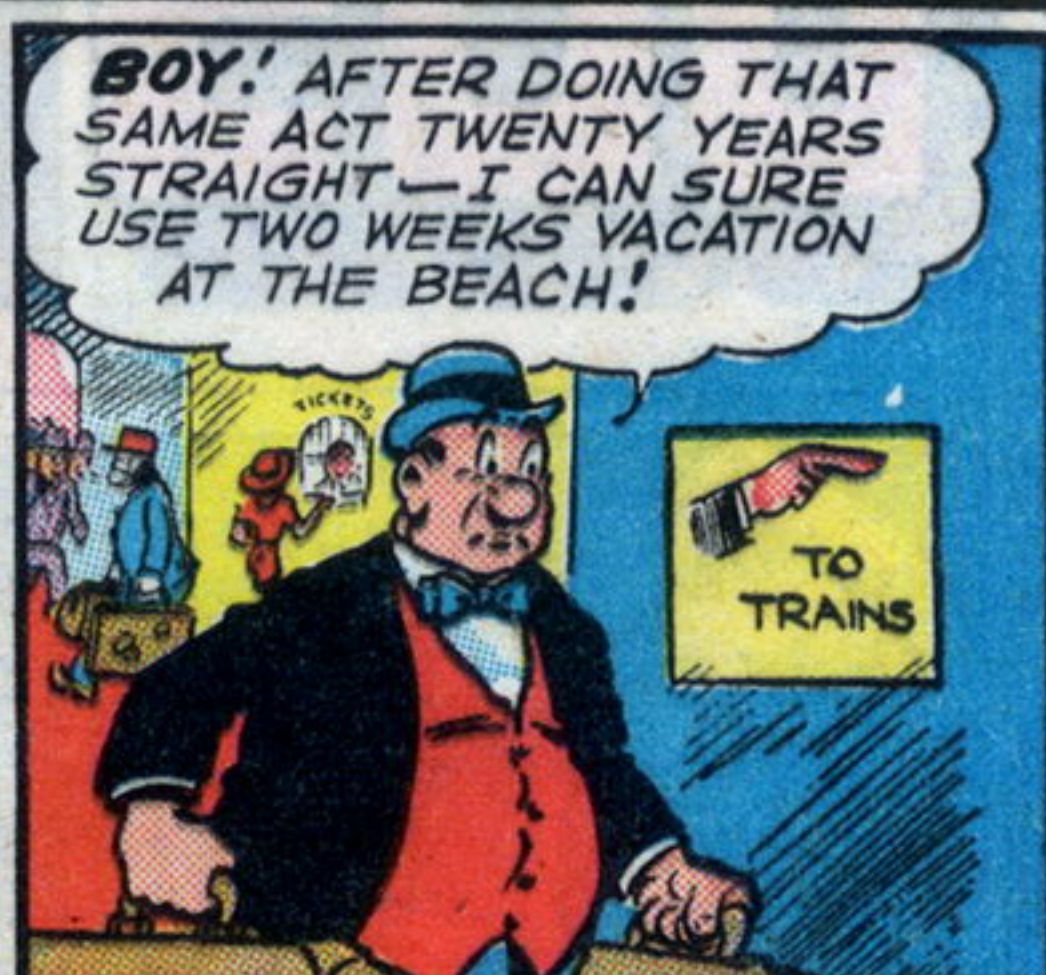


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# DUSTY DANE

by

VERNON HENKEL



WAR HAS THE WHOLE WORLD FOR A PLAYGROUND.. NOT EVEN THE REMOTE ISLAND WATERS OF SOUTH PANGO ESCAPE ITS TOLL OF DEATH.

DAMAGED IN A RUNNING FIGHT, THE CRUISER LANGSDORFF TAKES REFUGE IN THE ISLAND



LOOK! BIG BATTLE-BOAT COMES.. IS BOTTLING UP HARBOR!



ABOARD THE LANGSDORFF

HA! WE ARE LUCKY, CAPTAIN HARDT.. THIS ISLAND SHALL MAKE AN EXCELLENT BASE FOR REPAIRS!!

YA! THE ENEMY SHIPS WILL BE SEARCHING FOR US.. WE MUST REMAIN UNTIL THEY GIVE UP THE CHASE !!



PREPARE A LANDING PARTY.. WE ARE TAKING OVER THIS ISLAND!!

ON PANGO ISLAND ARE THOSE TWO BOLD ADVENTURERS, DUSTY DANE AND HIS PAL BIG MIKE CARDIGAN



MIKE! WHAT'RE THOSE NATIVES YELLING THEIR HEADS OFF ABOUT?

DUNNO! ..LET'S FIND OUT!!



WHAT'S UP, CHIEF?

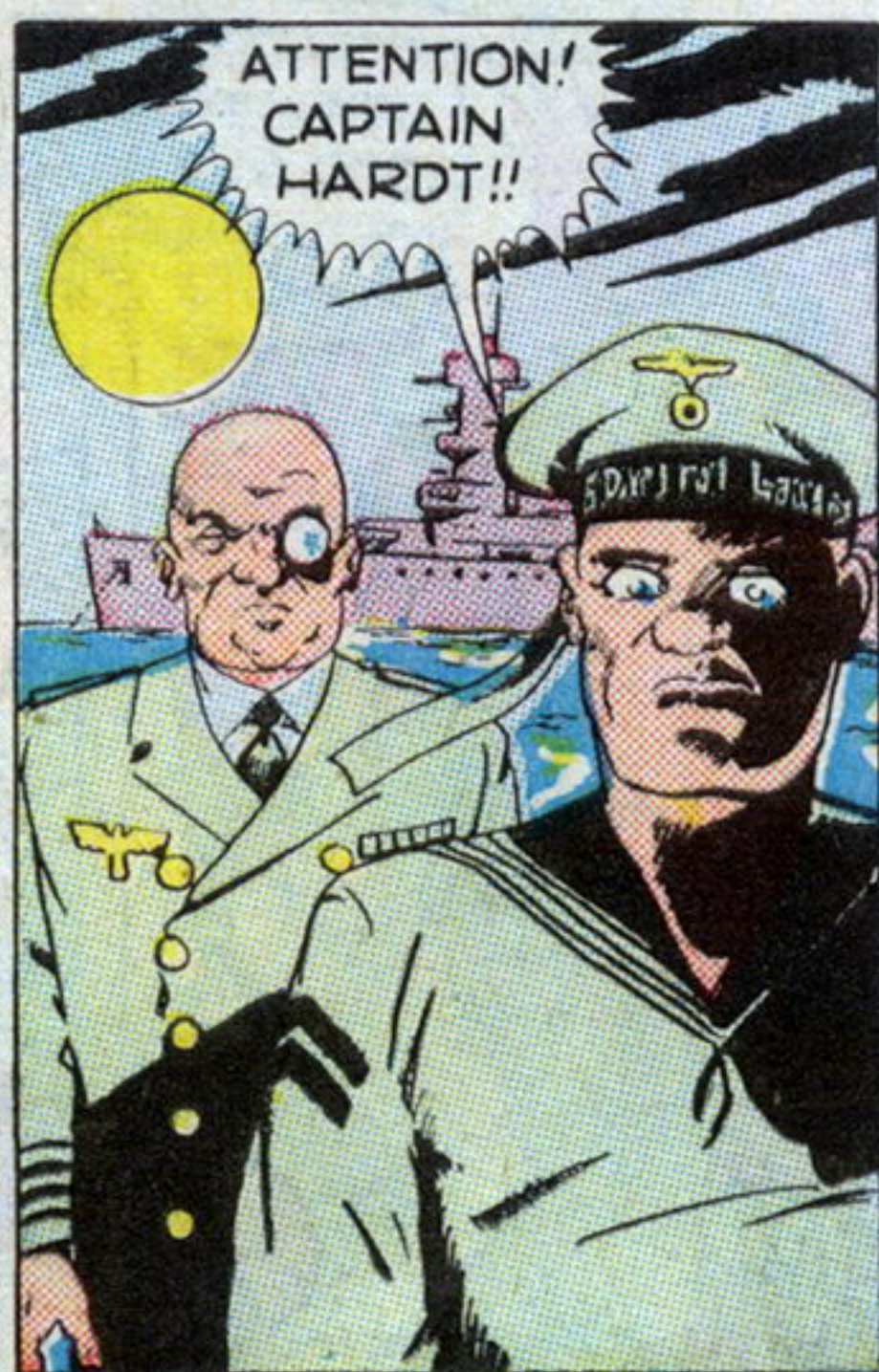
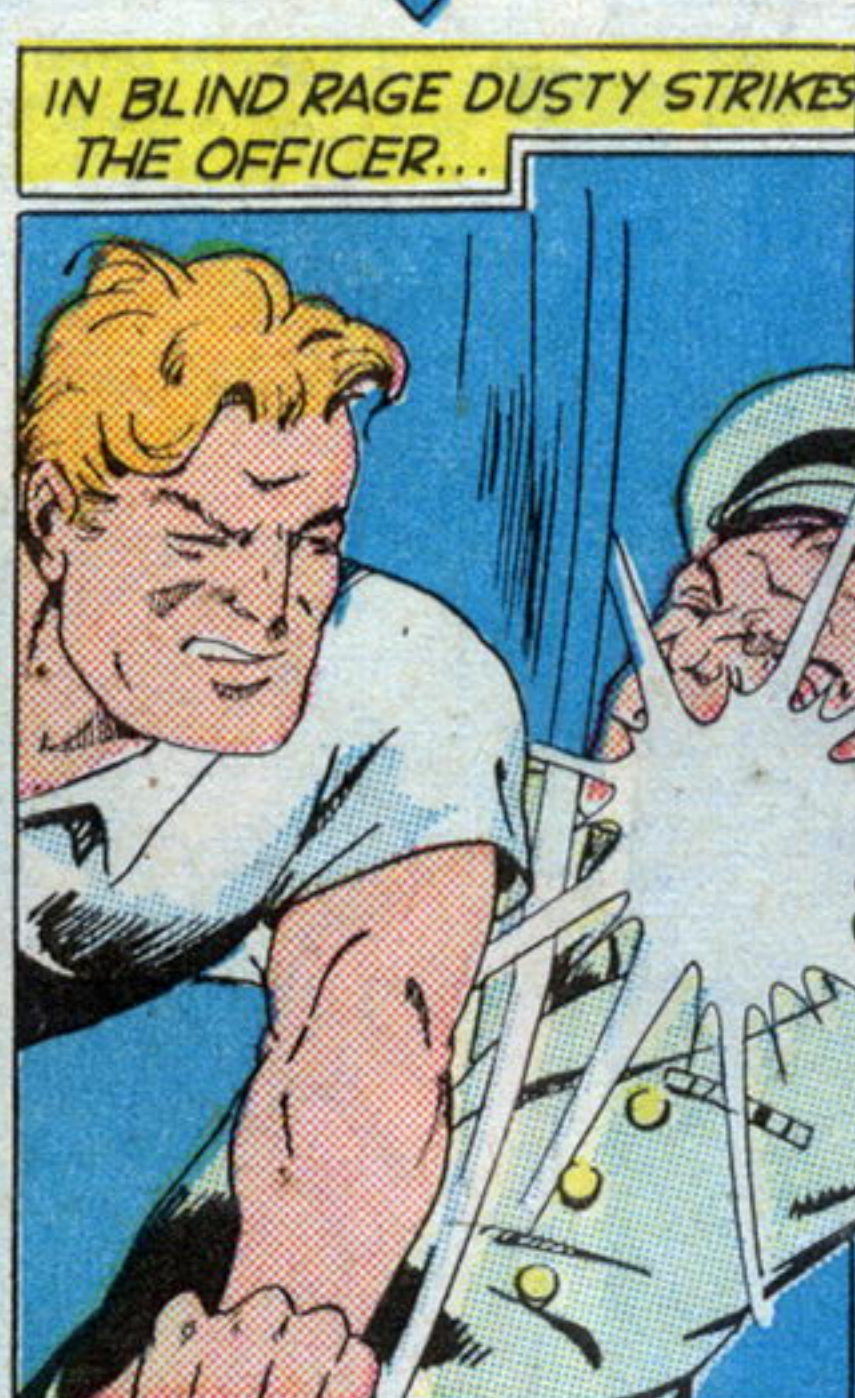
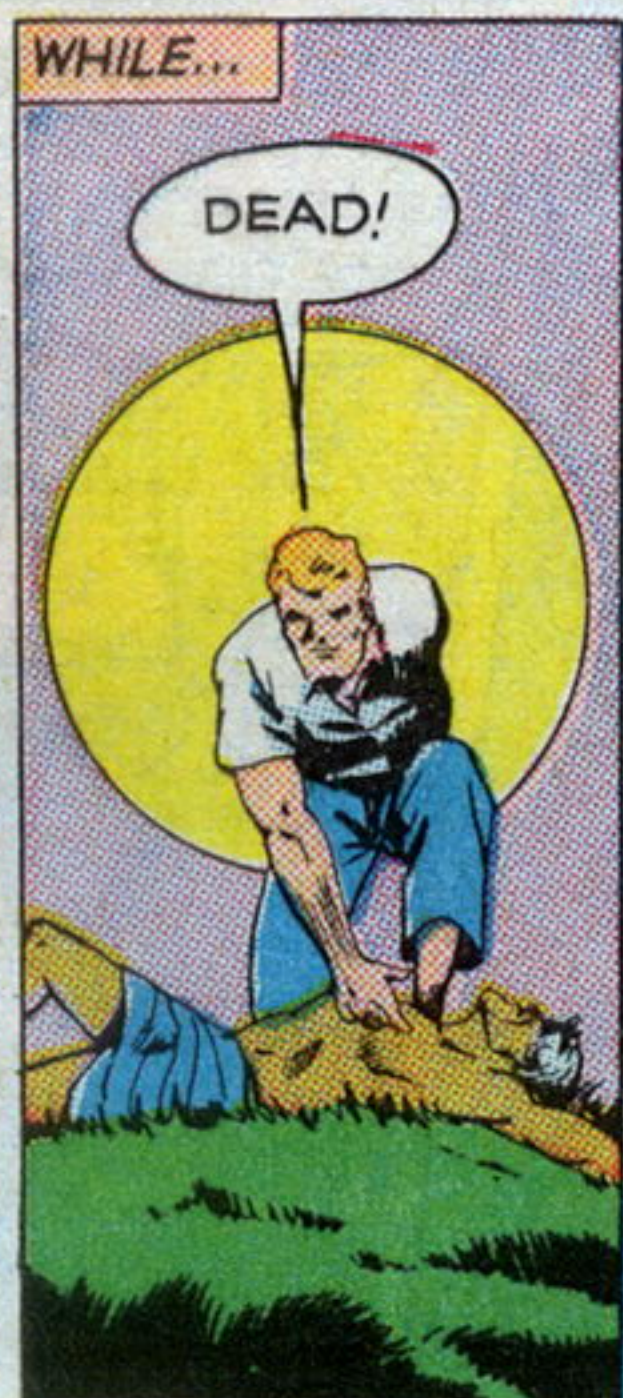
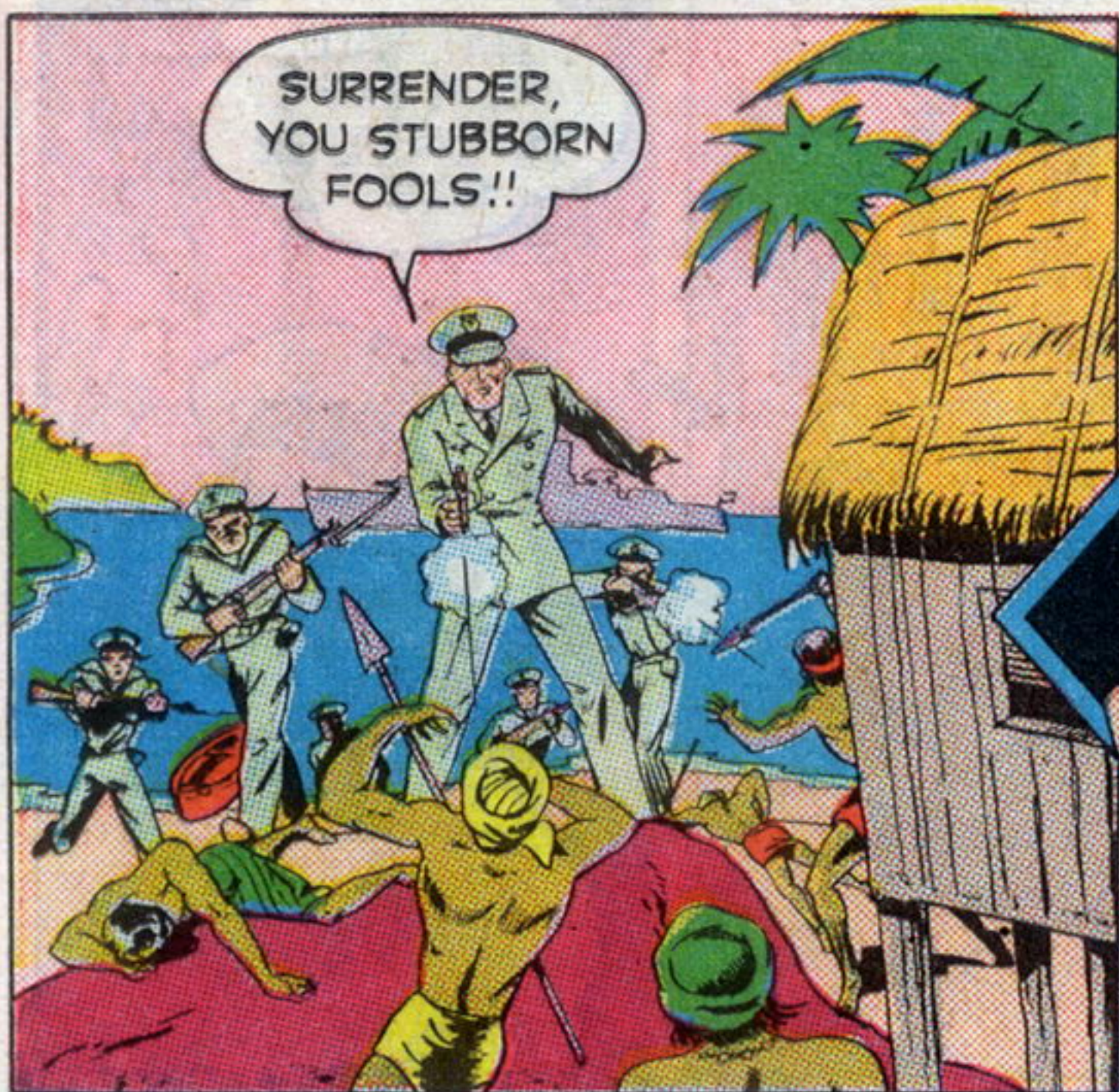
MALA'S ISLAND INVADED.. WHITE MEN.. US FIGHT!!

A LANDING FORCE MEETS THE RESISTANCE WITH A SAVAGE ATTACK..



SHOOT DOWN THESE BLACK DOGS! WE MUST SEIZE THIS ISLAND!

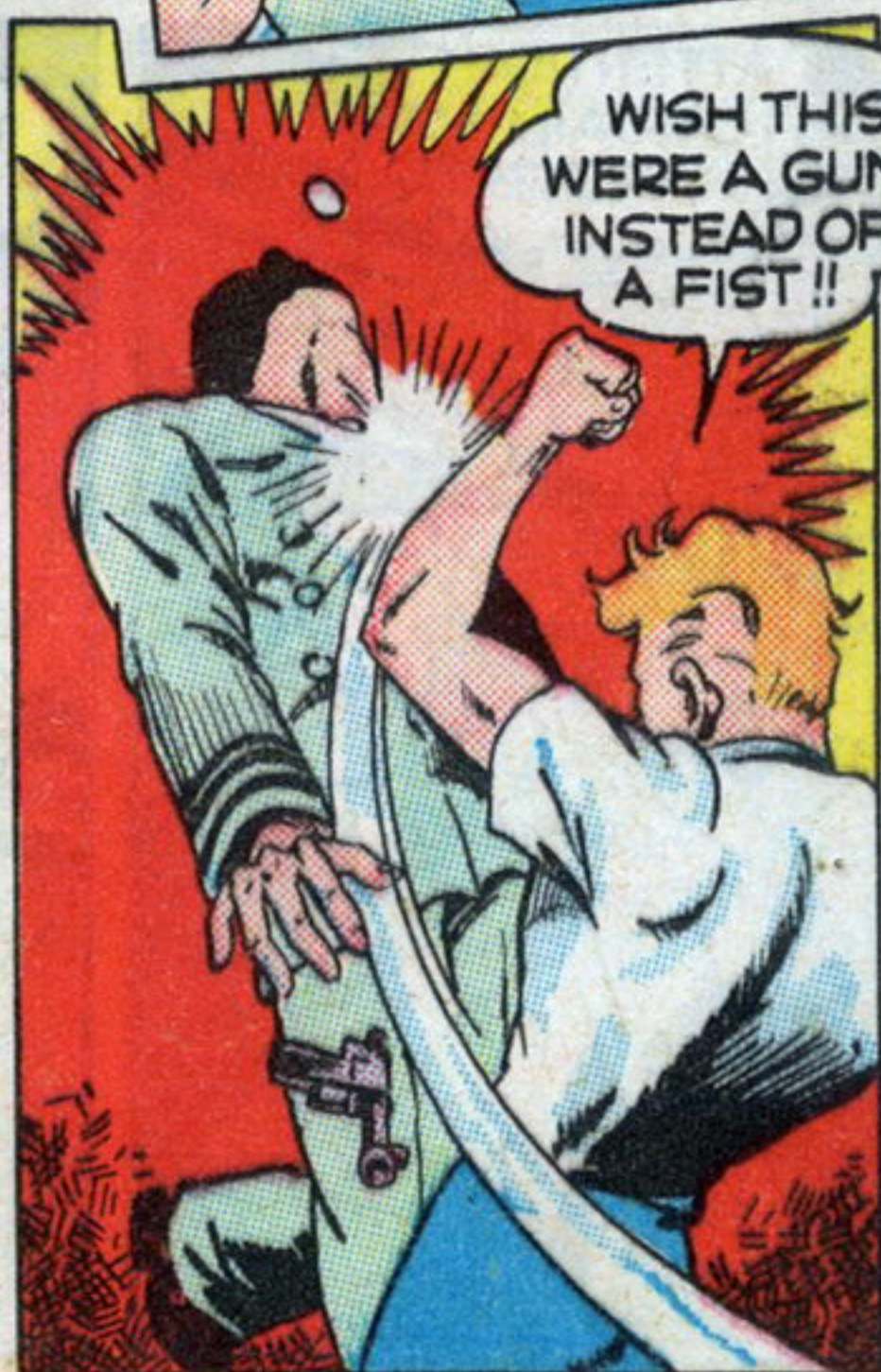








A KEY RATTLES IN THE LOCKED DOOR LEADING TO DUSTY AND MIKE'S UNDERGROUND PRISON.



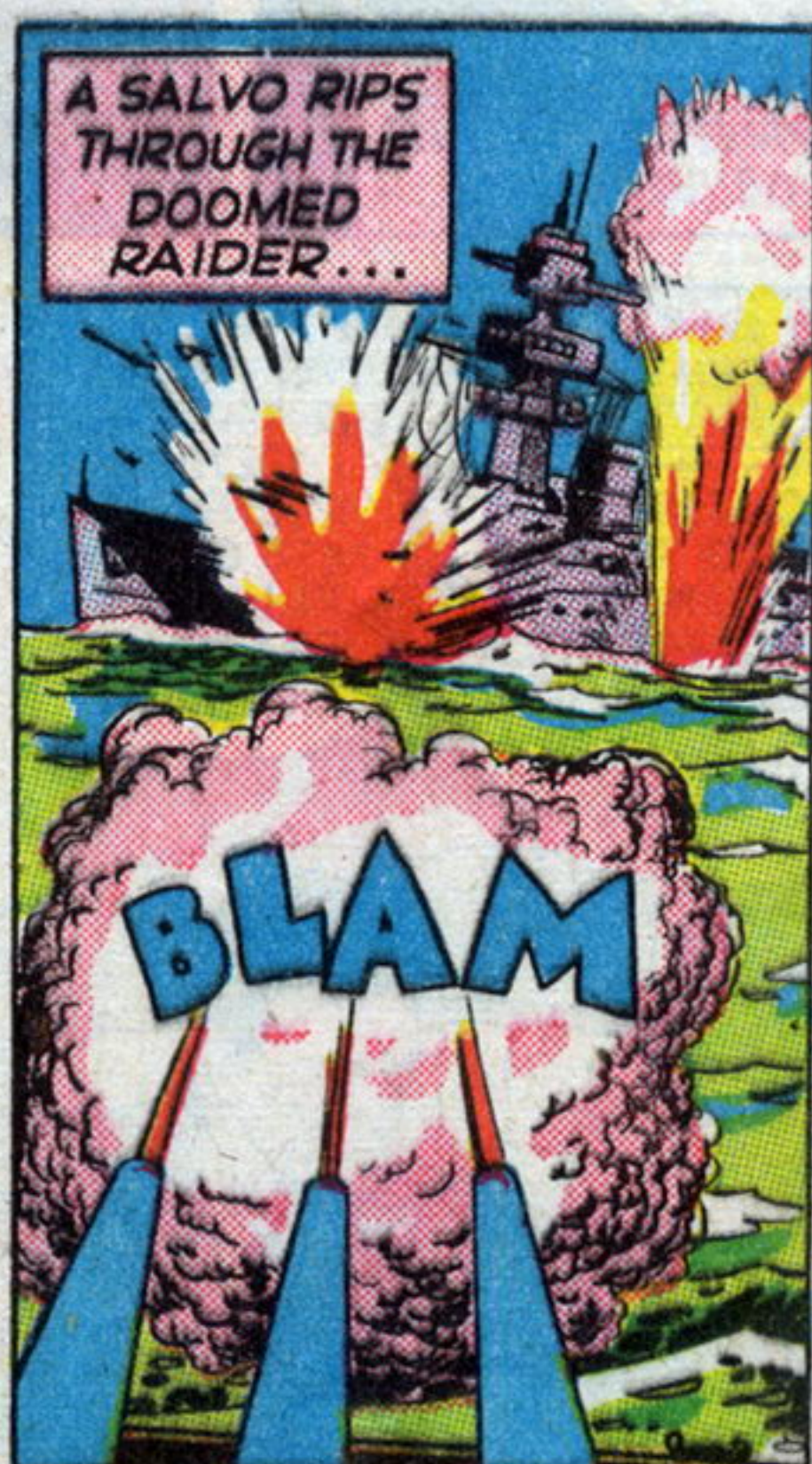
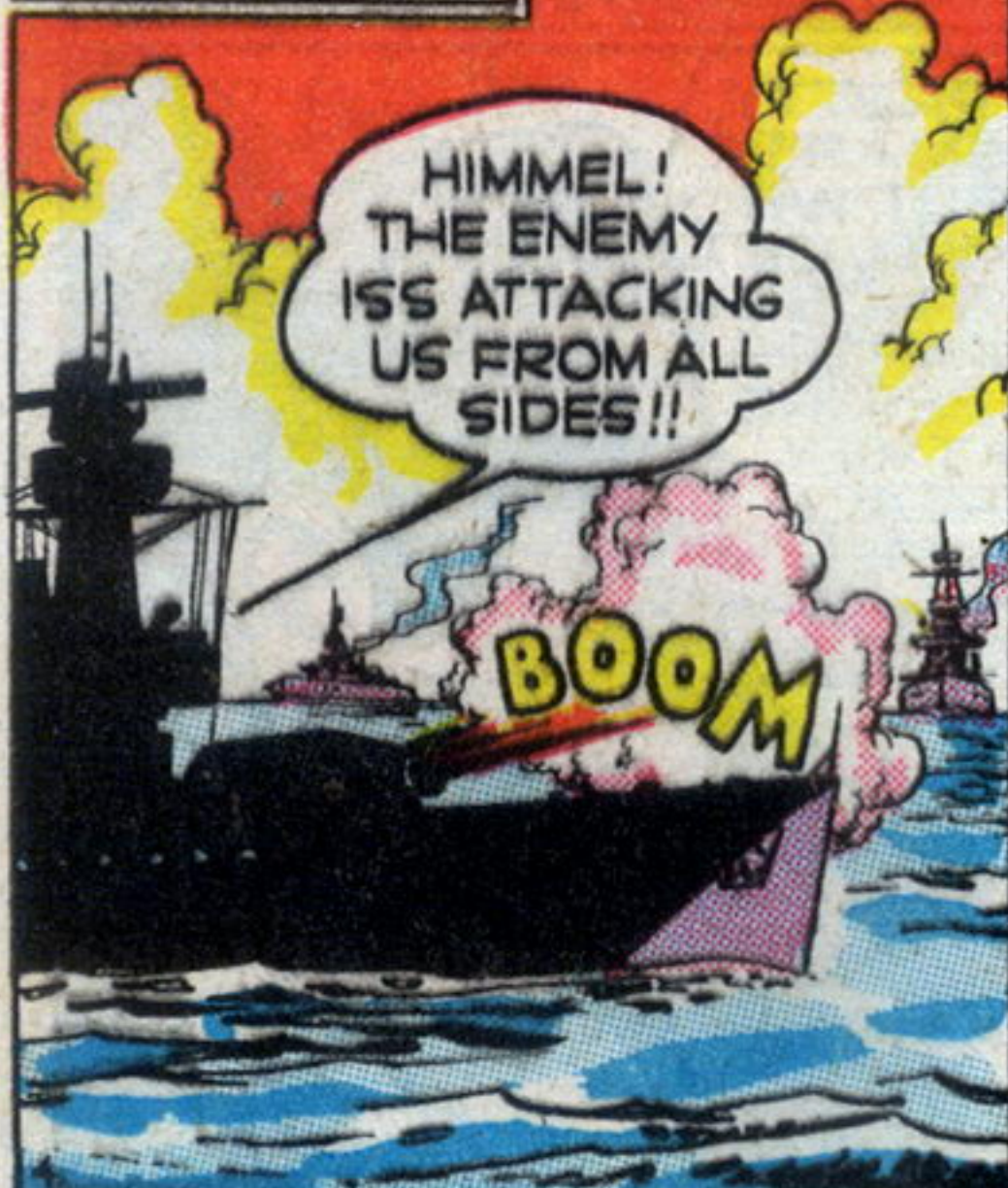




REFLECTED FLASHES REACH THE BRIDGE OF THE ONCOMING LEADER...



THE SHIPS NOW ALTER THEIR COURSE AND SWING AROUND IN A WIDE CIRCLE...





# SPIN SHAW

of the  
NAVAL  
AIR  
CORPS

By REX SMITH



ACE PILOT OF THE U.S. FLEET, SPIN SHAW IS SUMMONED TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE IS QUICKLY ASSIGNED TO A SECRET MISSION.



OUTSIDE THE WAR DEPARTMENT BUILDING, SPIN PICKS UP AN AIRCRAFT DESIGNER.



I HOPE WE'RE NOT BEING OBSERVED, SPIN.

WHY? WHAT HAPPENS IF WE ARE?

SPIN SHOTS AWAY FROM THE CURB, HEADING FOR THE PATOMAC.



BECAUSE THESE PLANE ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS MUST REACH DETROIT BY NOON TODAY?

DON'T WORRY, MR. GREY. I'LL GET 'EM THERE SAFELY!

BUT FROM A SHADOWY DOORWAY, GLARING EYES WATCH.



PRETTY SMART, BUT WE WILL GET THOSE PAPERS BEFORE THEY REACH THERE!



IN A FEW MINUTES, SPIN REACHES THE SEAPLANE FLOAT.



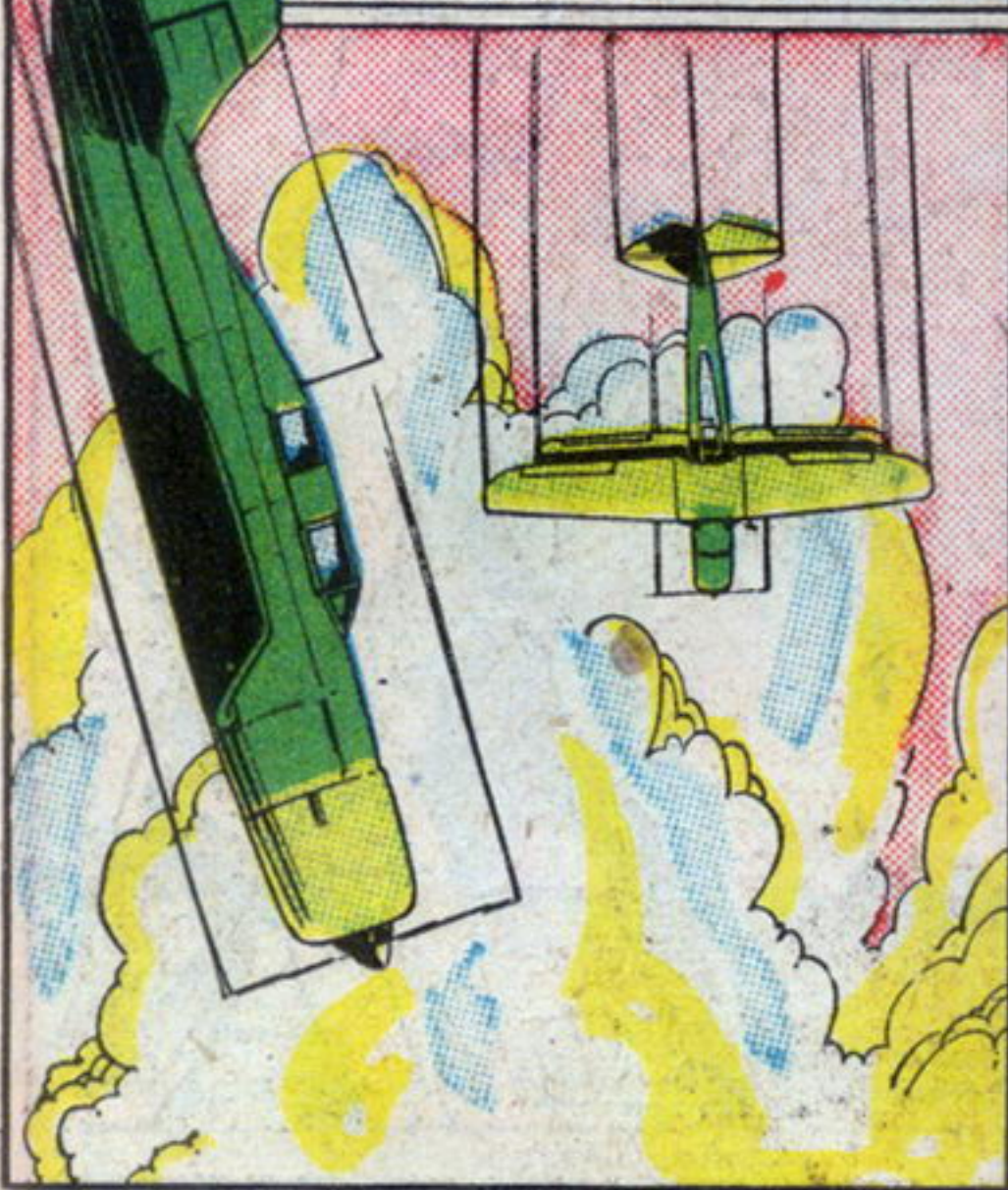
THE SWIFT SHIP ROARS OFF.



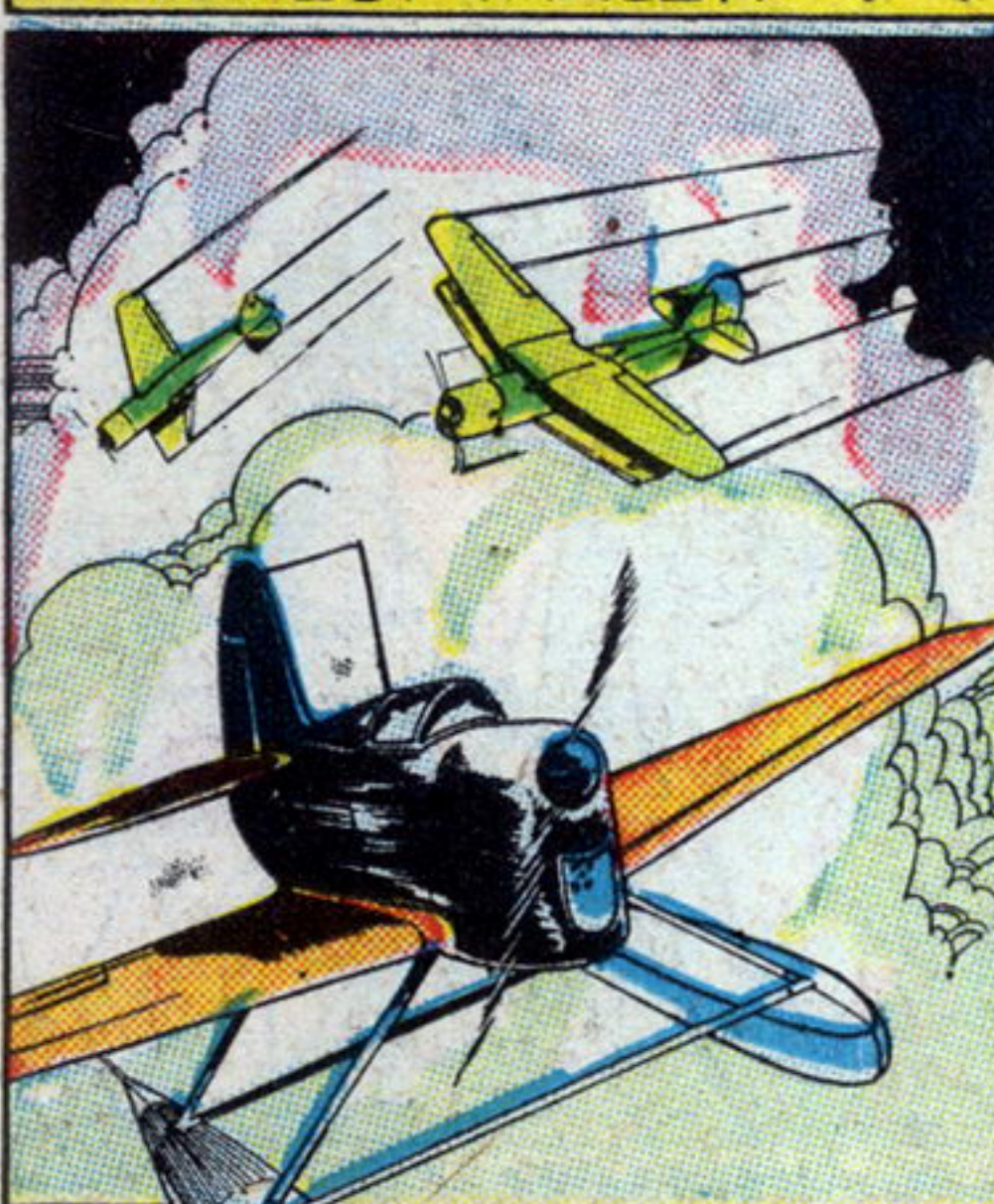
AND ROCKETS OVER THE MOUNTAINS AT 300 M.P.H.



BUT THE NEXT MOMENT, TWO SLEEK PLANES DIVE ON HIM.



ATTACKED FROM A BLIND SPOT, THE NAVY RACER IS A PERFECT TARGET.



HOLY SMOKE! MACHINE GUNS ON PRIVATE PLANES AND MY FUEL TANK'S LEAKING.. IF I DON'T FIND A LAKE, I'LL HAVE TO CRACK UP!



MOTOR SPUTTERING, SPIN GLIDES OVER A LOW HILL. A LAKE RIPPLES BELOW.



THE SWOOP MYSTERY PLANES DOWN ON A LAKESIDE FIELD.



AIR GURGLES FROM THE PONTOONS AS SPIN LEAPS OUT.





A SWIFT CRAFT  
SKIMS ACROSS  
THE LAKE...

HERMAN AND  
VON FORCED  
DIS NAVY GUY  
DOWN, NOW  
WE FINISH  
HIM!

YOU  
BET,  
BOSS!



THEY SLIP ALONGSIDE SPIN'S BADLY  
LISTING PLANE.

COME ON  
DOWN, YA DECK  
SWABBER OR  
YOU'LL DANCE  
TO MY LEAD!



A FLYING LEAP SHOTS SPIN  
TOWARD THE FOREDECK.

PLUG  
HIM,  
LOUIE!

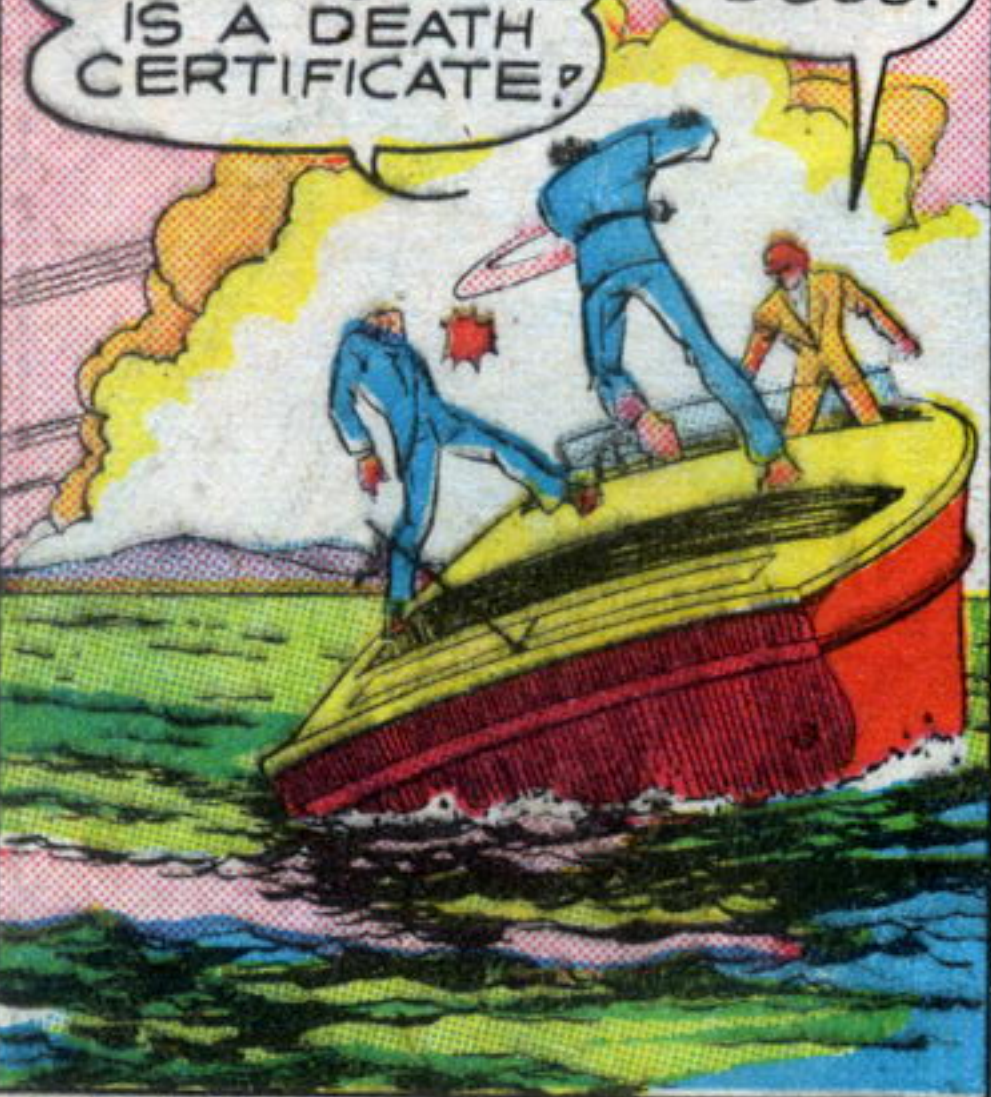
GANGWAY,  
YOU TWO-  
BIT  
GUN-  
MEN!



SPIN LASHES OUT FURIOUSLY.

THE ONLY  
PAPER YOU'LL  
GET FROM ME  
IS A DEATH  
CERTIFICATE!

I'M  
COMIN',  
BOSS!



NO, YOU'RE  
NOT COMIN'!  
YOU'RE  
GOIN'!

YEAH?



GIMME DEM  
PAPERS,  
GOB!

YOU WANT  
THEM TOO?  
WELL, HERE'S  
WHAT YOU  
GET!



SPIN'S FIST FLIES FASTER  
THAN THE THUG'S KNIFE.

GIVE MY  
REGARDS  
TO THE  
FISHES!



HEY, BOSS!  
HE'S RUNNIN'  
OFF WIT'  
OUR BOAT!



AN' WE  
CAN'T SWIM..  
S'LONG,  
LOUIE.

BUT THE MEN WHO FORCED  
SPIN DOWN, LIE IN WAIT.

HERE COMES  
THE BOAT?  
HEY! THE GOB'S  
RUNN-  
ING  
IT!





AT TOP SPEED, THE BOAT RUNS ASHORE AND SPIN LEAPS QUICKLY UP THE BANK.



BUT A SUDDEN ATTACK FROM THE BRUSH THREATENS SPIN'S PLAN.



SPIN KNOCKS DOWN ONE WITH A RIGHT HOOK THEN TOSSES A HARD LEFT.



OWAH? YA BUSTED ME NOSE? I'LL KILL YA FER THAT!



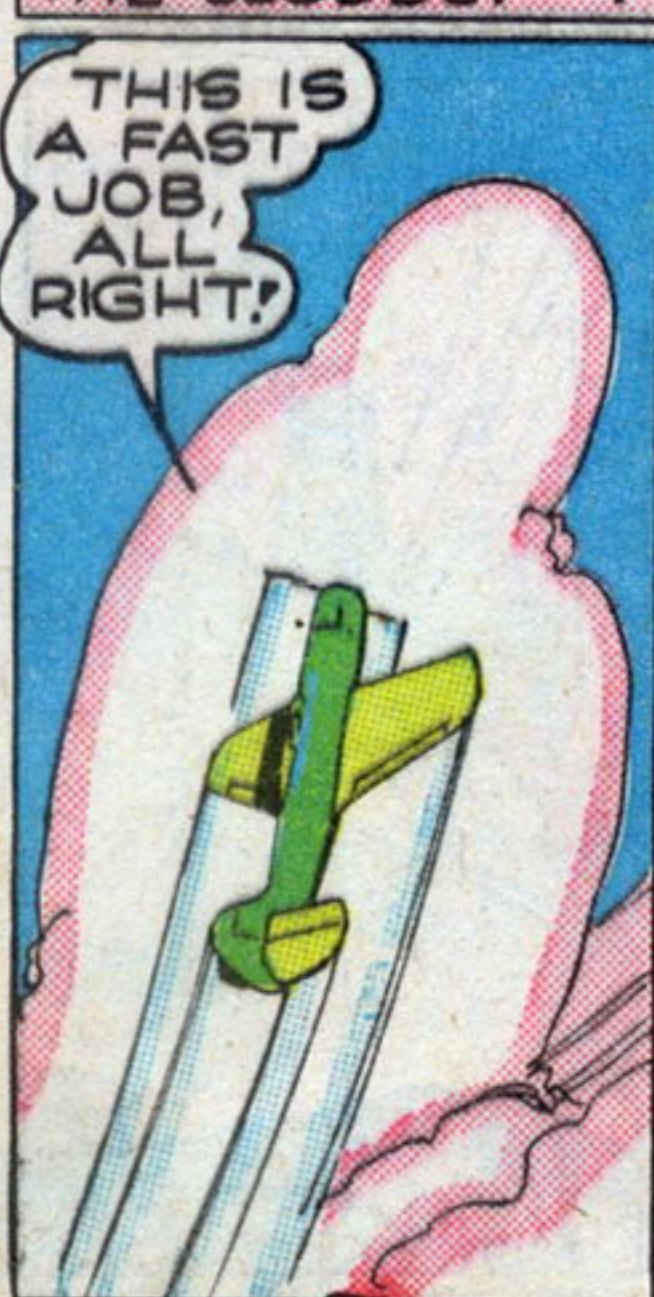
ALL YOU'LL KILL IS TIME.. GETTING OVER A BROKEN JAW?



HE LEAVES HIS VICTIMS TO SLEEP OFF HIS PUNCHES.



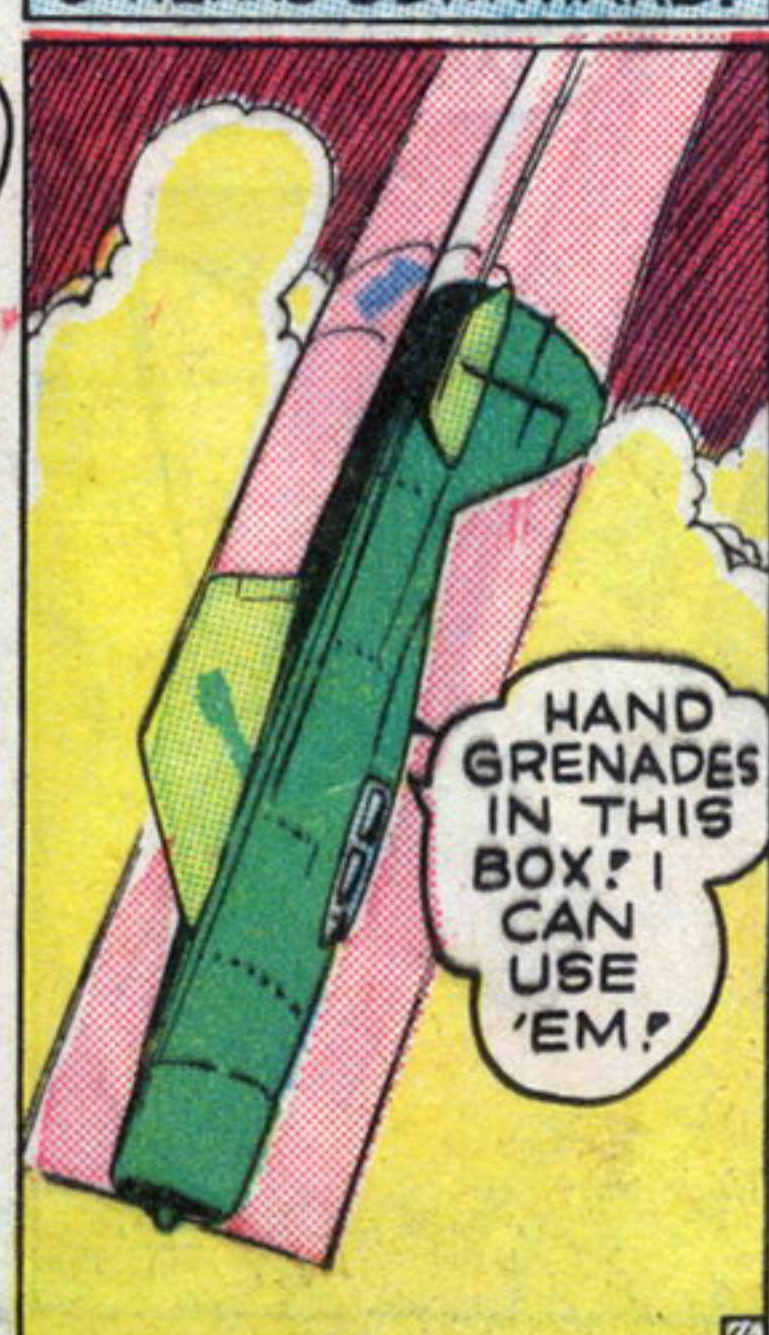
A MINUTE LATER SPIN IS ZOOMING THE PLANE INTO THE CLOUDS.



BUT WHEN HE CASTS A LOOK BELOW.

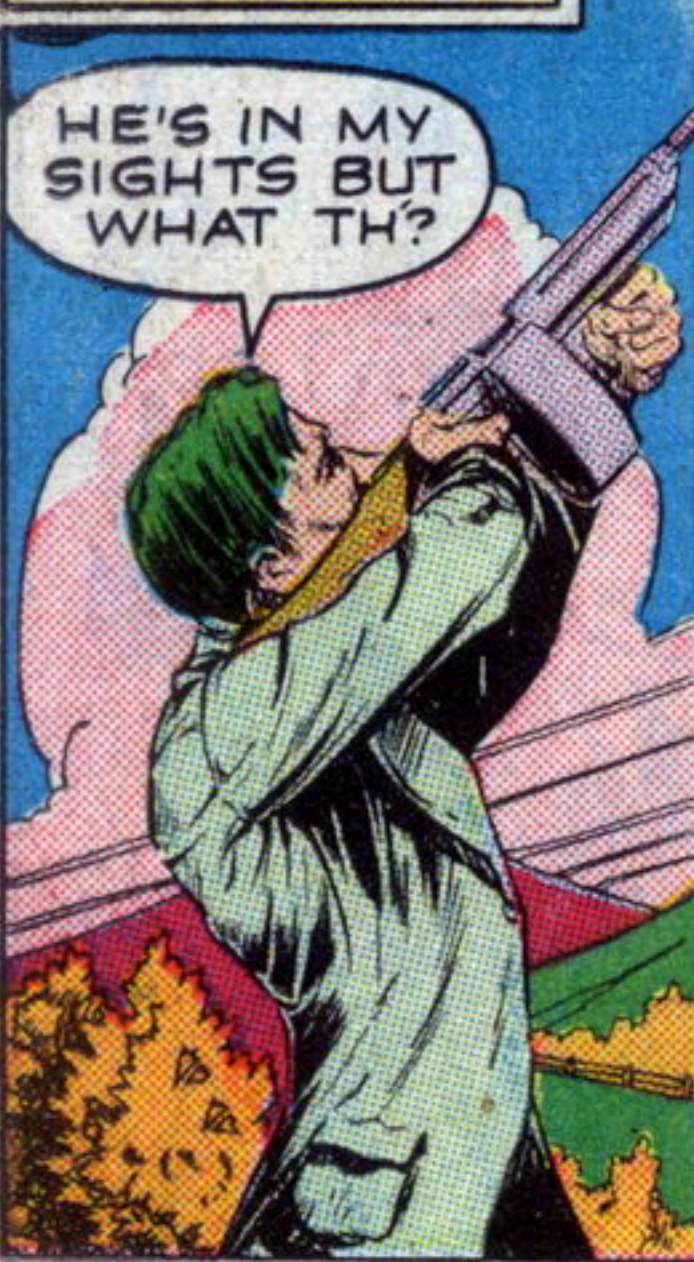


SPIN FLIPS OVER AND STREAKS DOWNWARD.





BUT BULLETS SOON WHISTLE AT SPIN FROM BELOW.

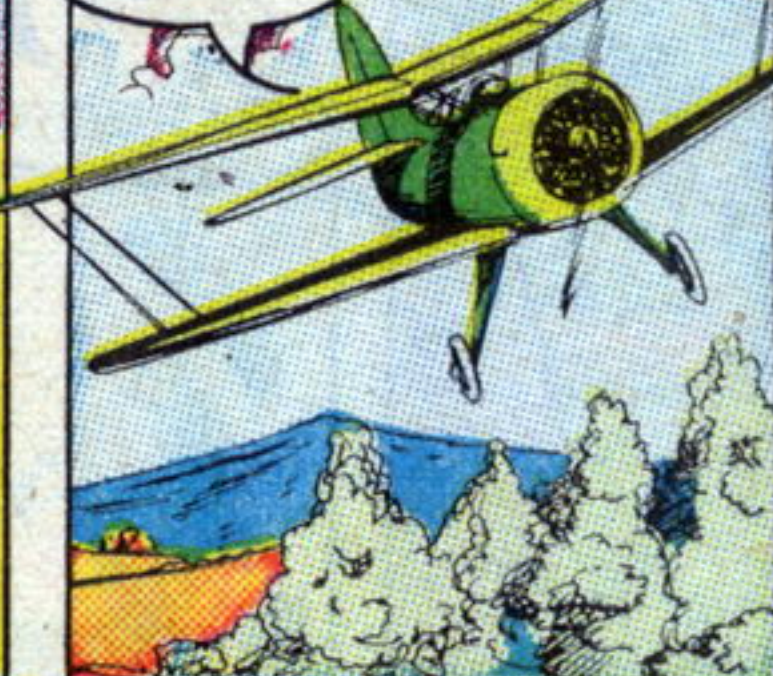


A BULLET HITS THE GRENADE IN MIDAIR.



BEFORE SPIN CAN DROP ANOTHER, THE MEN TAKE OFF IN A SECOND SHIP.

THIS IS GONNA BE HIS FINISH.



SPIN HAS LEVELED OFF AT TOP SPEED.

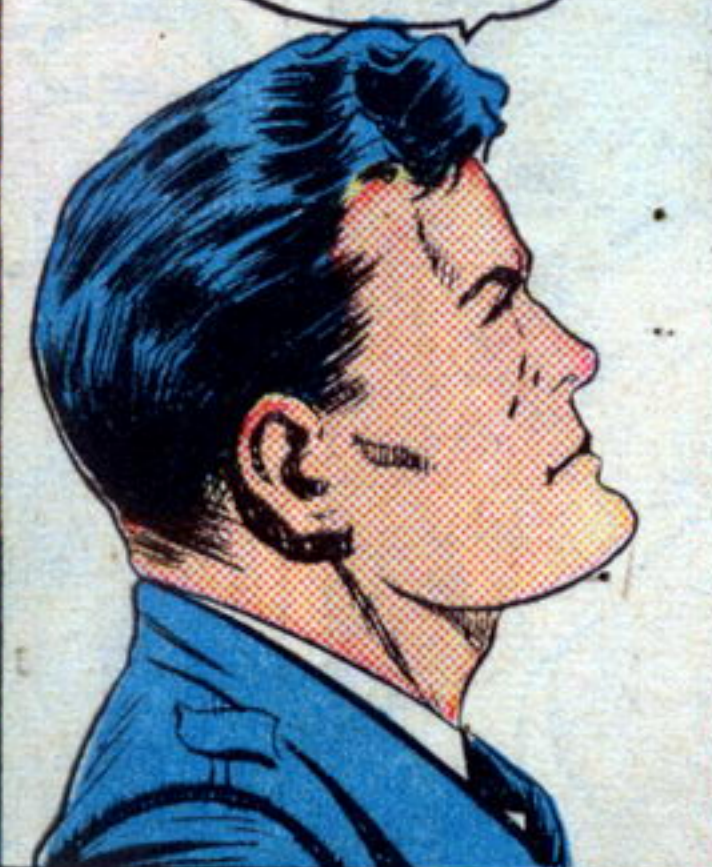


BUT THE MEN SOON OVERTAKE SPIN AND DIVE WITH GUNS BLAZING.

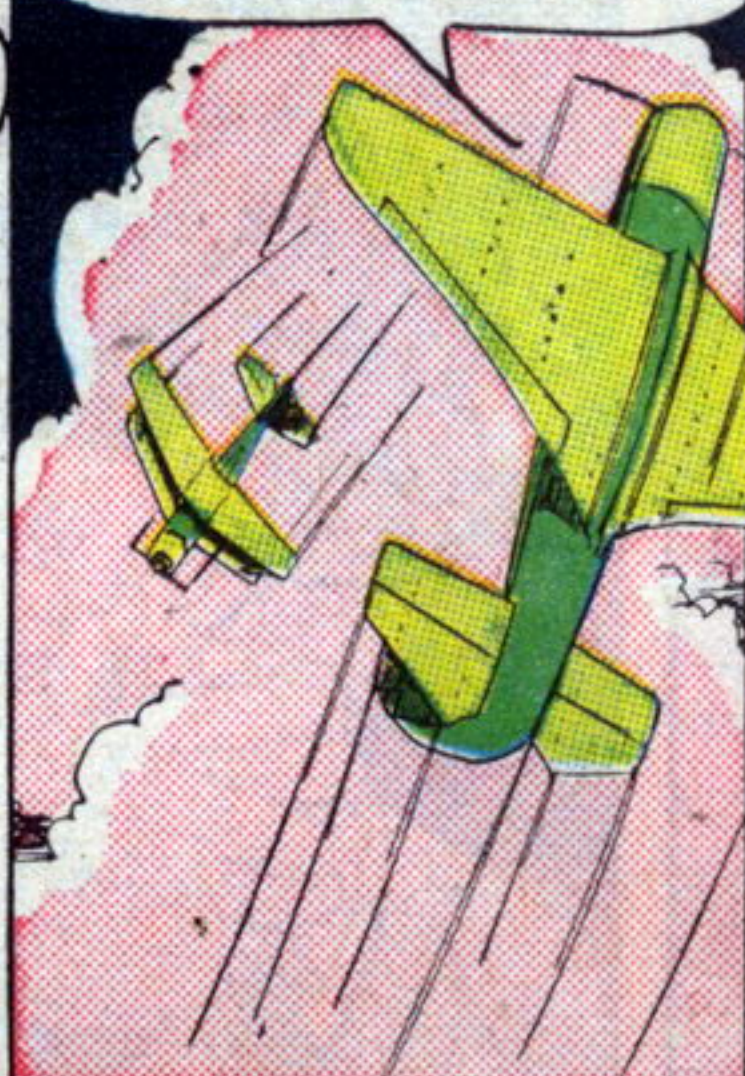


SPIN LOOPS AND TWISTS TO AVOID THEIR DEADLY HAIL.

WHY DID I PICK THIS PLANE WHEN THE OTHER HAS MOUNTED GUNS?

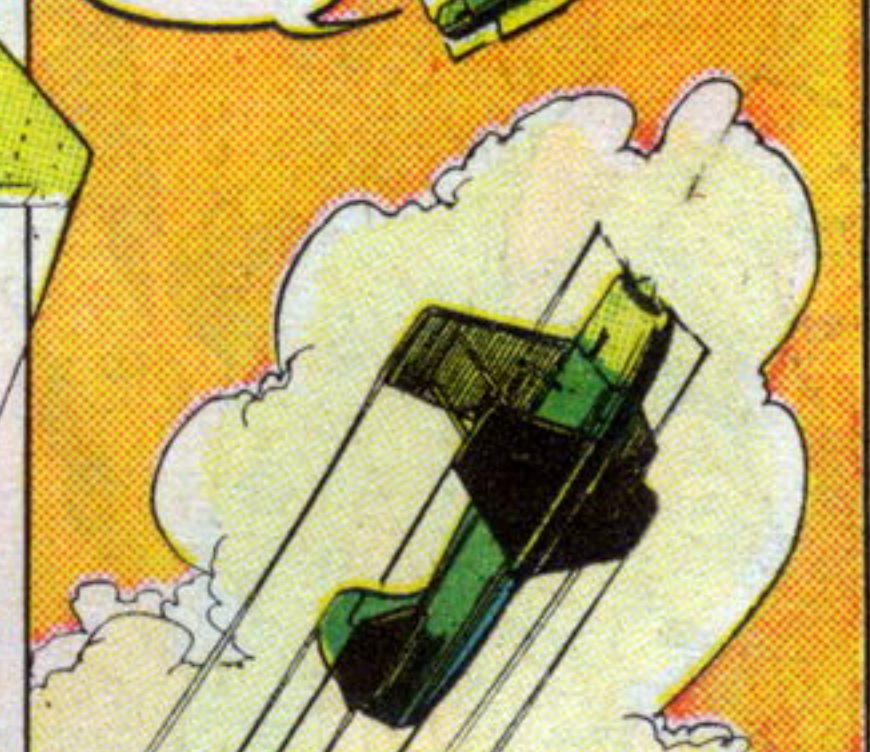


THE BEST I CAN DO IS STUNT AROUND 'EM. TILL THEY'RE OUT OF AMMUNITION.

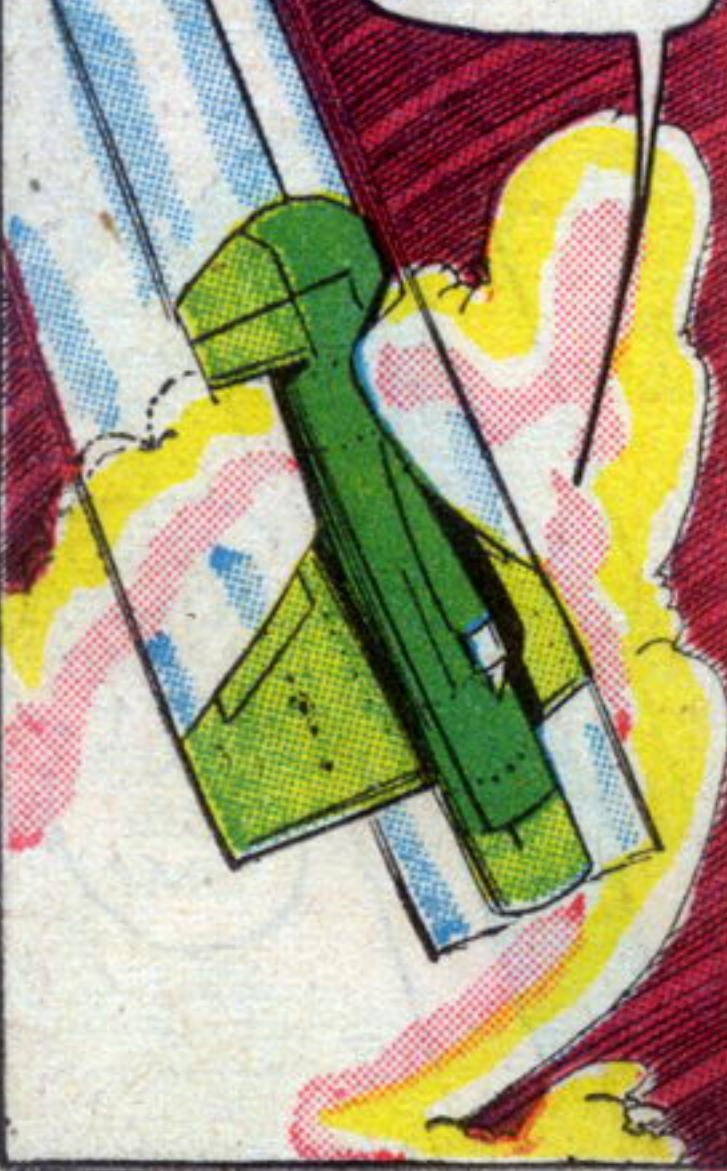


ENGINES ROARING, THE PLANES PLAY A GRIM GAME OF TAG.

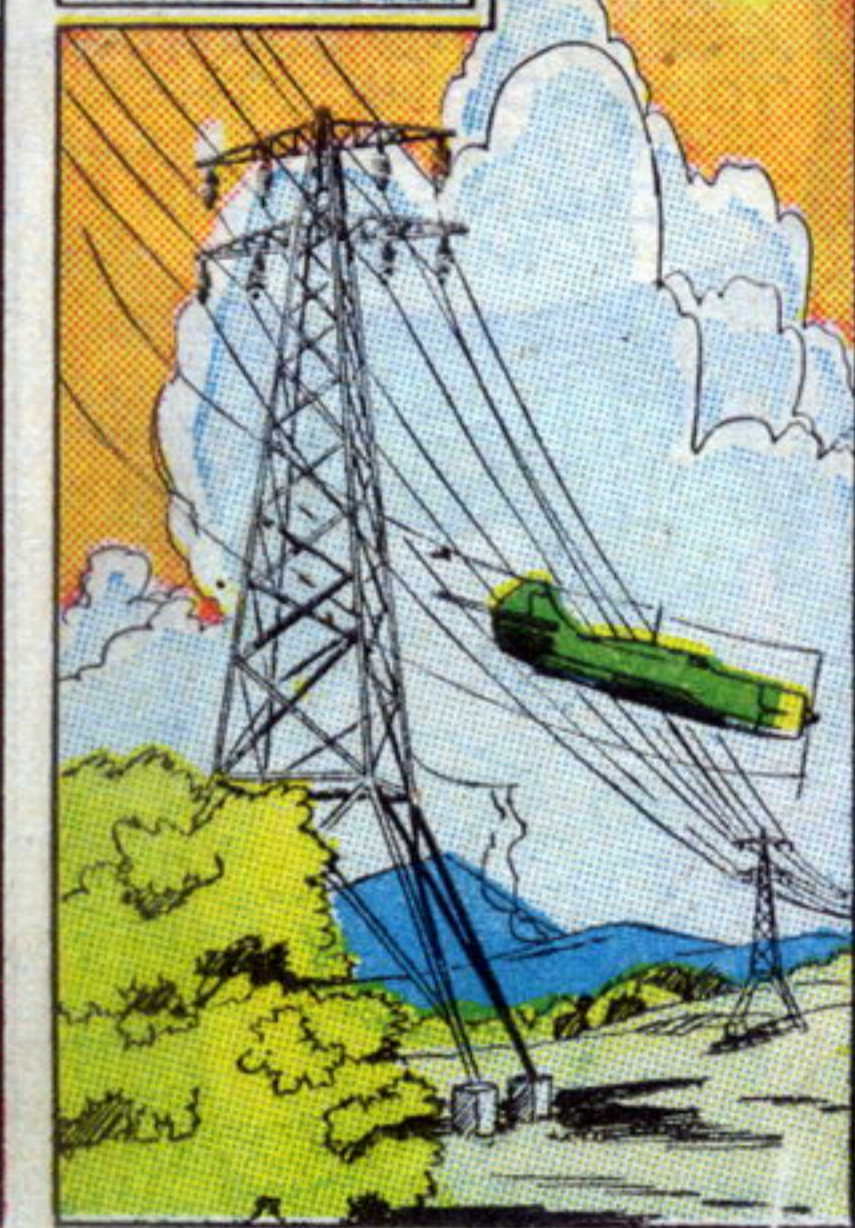
THOSE BIRDS COULD SELL THE PAPERS I'M CARRYING FOR A MILLION. NO WONDER THEY ARE AFTER ME!



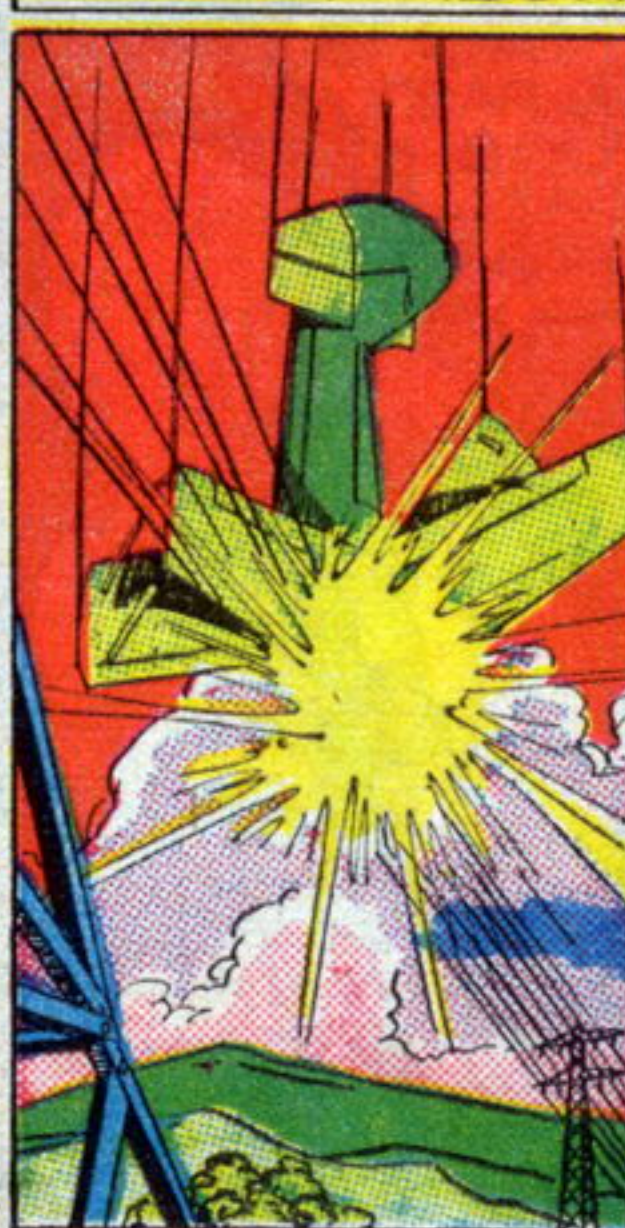
BINGO! JUST THE TRICK! HIGH TENSION WIRES DOWN THERE!



WITH COOL NERVE, SPIN PULLS OUT OF THE DIVE JUST UNDER THE LINE.



BUT THE PILOT ON HIS TAIL STRIKES THE POWER WIRES.

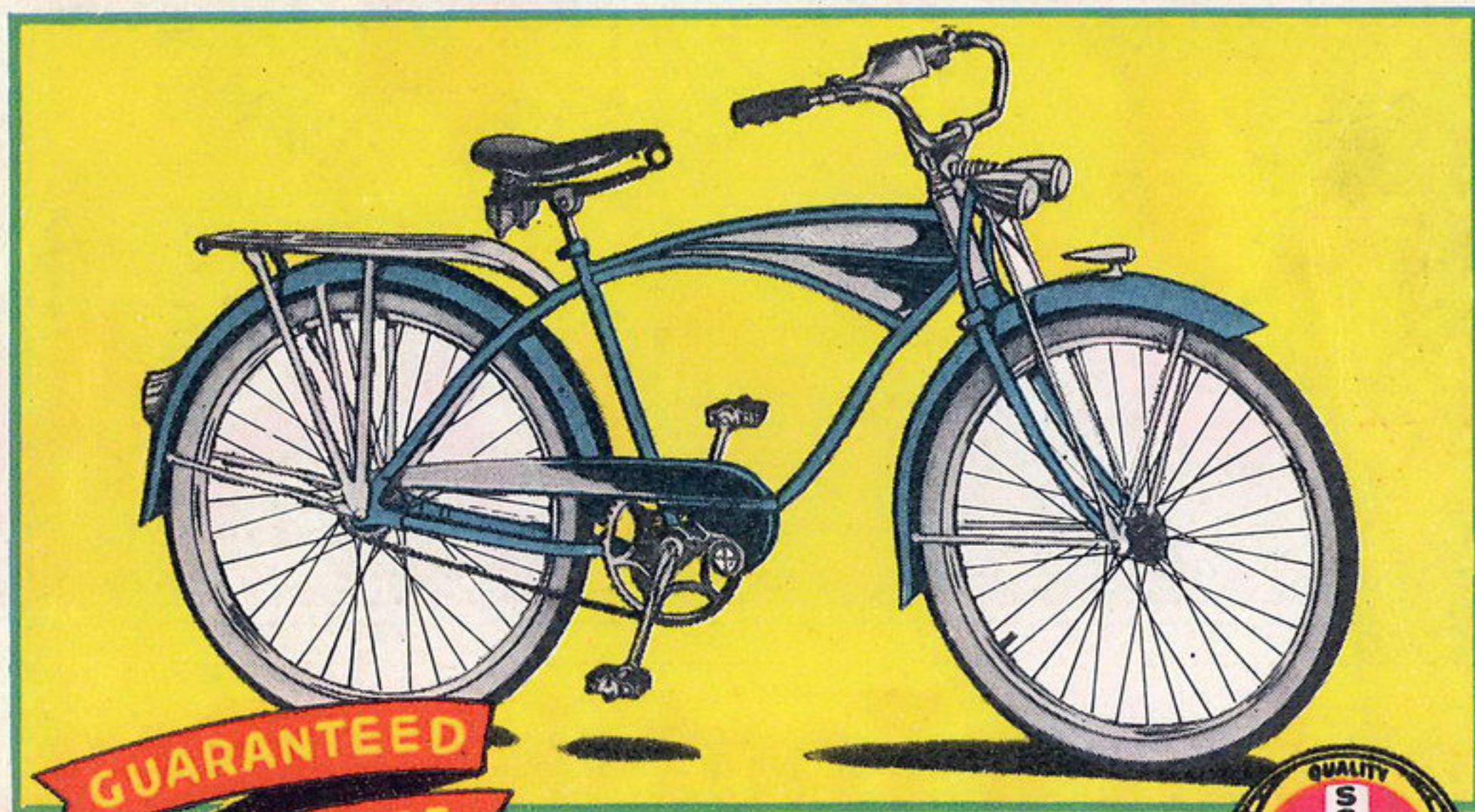


ELECTROCUTION IN MIDAIR.. THOSE HEELS DESERVED IT.. NOW I'LL JUST JOG ALONG TO DETROIT IN TIME FOR LUNCH!





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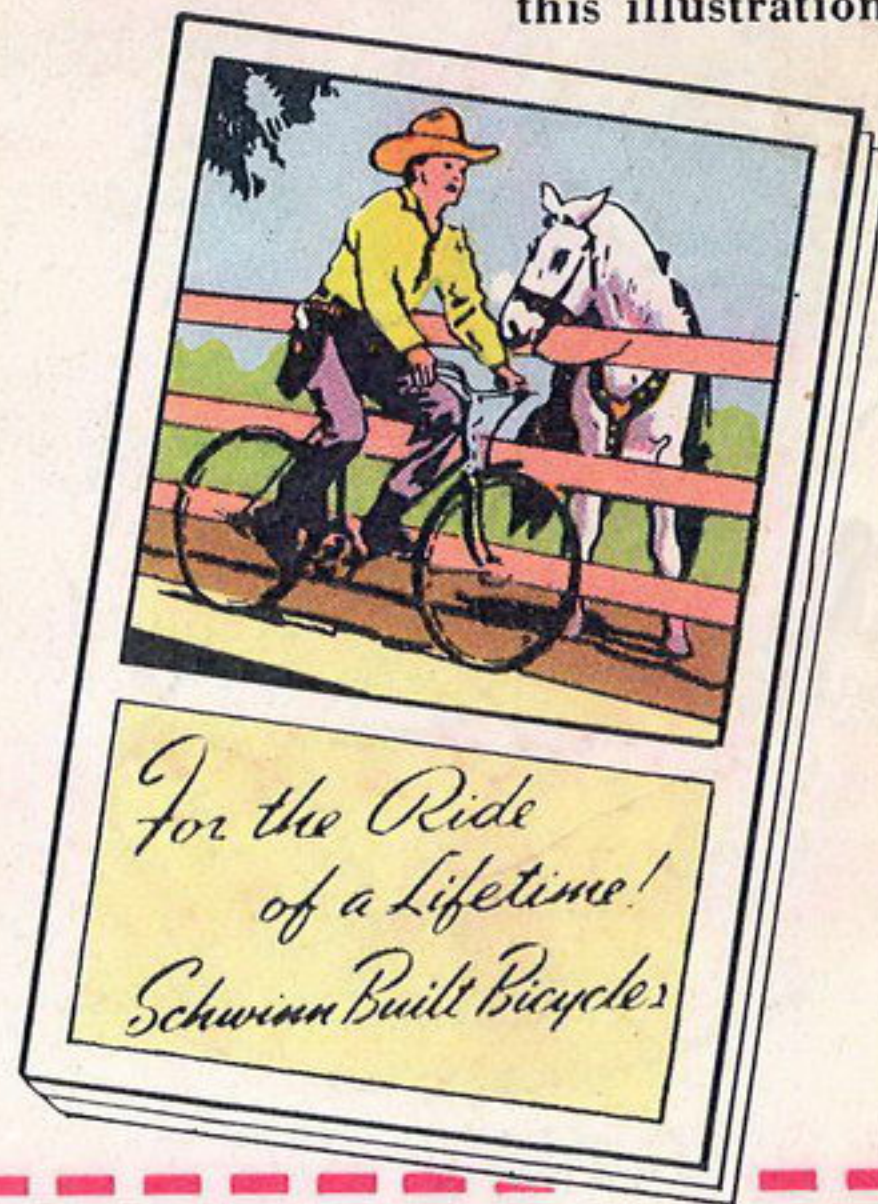
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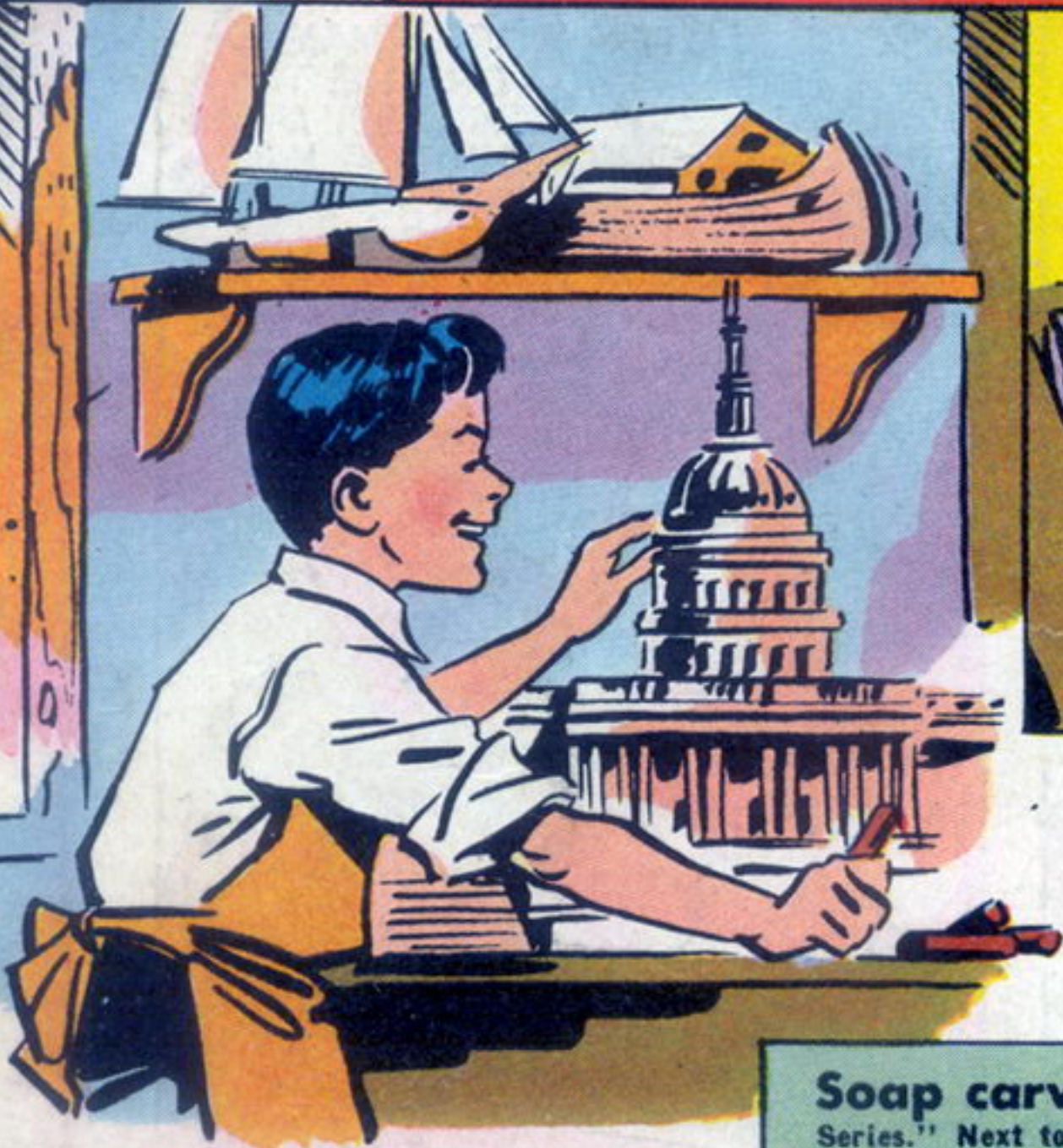
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# THE Tootsie Roll OF HONOR

THEY'RE WINNERS! WHAT DO YOU DO?



**Tooth-pick architect.** So far he has made a miniature White House—a two-masted schooner—and Noah's Ark. Plenty of Tootsies help keep him going!

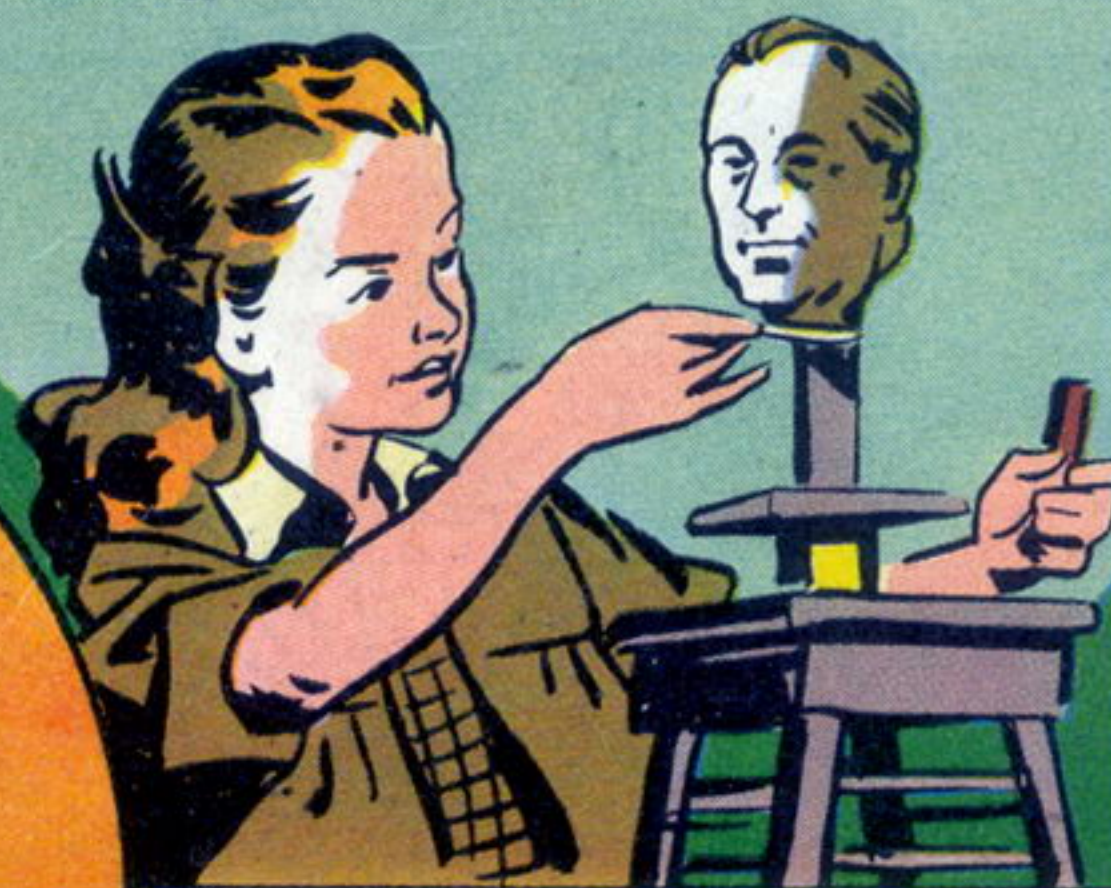


**Doll clothes designer.** Costumes from every country in the world are in her design collection. Alert? Sure—she's a Tootsie girl!



**Stamp collector.** Started when he was 6. Now he has 4,241 different stamps. Does he eat Tootsies? You bet. He's smart!

**Soap carver.** This F. D. R. statue is one of her "President Series." Next to carving, she likes Tootsies best!



**Another Tarzan** Only 5 years old and climbs a 20 foot rope in 20 seconds. This peppy youngster is a Tootsie fan too!



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